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LU HAN AS ACTING YUNNAN GOVERNOR Liu Po-Cheng's Troops To Enter Province NEW REVOLTS REPORTED

Kunming Radio, monitored in Hong Kong yesterday announced that General Lu Han has been appointed acting Military Governor of Yunnan, which has defected to the Communists.

At the same time the "China Mail" learned that General Lung Yun, a Deputy in the Communist People's Central Government, has received fresh instructions to proceed to Peking for consultations.

The Communist authorities at Peking have apparently made last-minute changes in their plans to deal with the doubtful loyalty of General Lu Han despite his turning over to them from the Nationalist fold.

HK Police Raids On Auditors

The Anti Corruption Branch of the Hong Kong Police carried out a series of raids yesterday on a number of auditor firms.

It was officially stated that the raids were carried out in connection with investigations into certain aspects of the collection of taxes.

The raids were made in conjunction and arrangement with the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, it was added.

Account books and documents seized at the auditor firms were impounded by the police. Relevant documents at the Inland Revenue Department were also taken away.

From Windsor House alone, the police carted away four truck loads of books and documents.

CAT Planes Leave HK For Taipei

Eight Civil Air Transport planes left Kai Tak for Taipei yesterday.

According to a Chinese Press report the planes left in order to avoid complications with Hong Kong authorities in the event of British recognition of the Peking regime.

The planes were manned by American crews as the Chinese personnel were reluctant to go to Taiwan.

The Chinese crew, according to the report, feared that they would be unable to return to the Colony.

It was also reported that another eight CAT planes at Kai Tak are preparing to leave for Taipei.

According to an official of CAT, the planes left to take part in airlifting Chinese Government personnel between Taiwan and Hainan Islands.

The official denied any connection between the flight and possible British recognition of Peking.

He said that many of the Chinese personnel do not have passports, which would cause difficulties on their return to the Colony.

The Weather

At two GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a ridge of high pressure from China is spreading slowly across Japan as the depression over the Pacific to the E of Hokkaido moves away. The pressure gradient over the South China Sea and Philippines is weak.

Today's Forecast—Light to moderate S.W. winds. Overcast, occasional drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather—Rain. Maximum: 82.2 deg. F. Minimum: 60.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 40.0 hrs.

Jan. 1—2005.5 mm. (20.5 in.) Total rain. Jan. 1—2005.5 mm. (20.5 in.) Total rain.

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Earthquake Phenomenon In Japan

Tokyo, December 15.

A five-hour earthquake accompanied by landslides produced widespread terror, caused the ground to sink nine feet and creates a new lake in Nikuta Prefecture North of Tokyo, Press reports said today.

Belated despatches from little known Izumi, Nikuta Prefecture of Western Honshu told of the unusual phenomenon. The despatches said the earth tremors, differing from the ordinary quakes common in Japan, started yesterday afternoon.

"The persistent rocking continued for five hours and strangely was confined to an area of about 15 acres. A gravel road ran through the middle of the area which contained farmland flanked by a cliff. The shaking down movement persisted and the earth began to sink under the feet of the terrified inhabitants. The action was accompanied by a series of landslides from higher ground. The falling soil filled in the farms and entirely changed the terrain."

It was raining heavily at the time and this led to the appearance of a new lake. No casualties were reported.—United Press.

DIPLOMATS IN TOKYO MELEE

Tokyo, December 15.

A razor-wielding GI and a friend broke up a party of diplomats in a Tokyo hotel because the women refused to dance with them.

Mr. Gerald Warner, first secretary of the SCAP diplomatic section, said that protest letters by the Swiss and Swedish Missions have been forwarded to the Provost Marshal for appropriate action.

A melee occurred in the ballroom of the Gajoen Hotel during which a Swiss diplomat was slashed, a Swedish businessman hit and two American soldiers who tried to intervene injured.

According to an eyewitness, Mr. P. A. Eriksson, a Stockholm businessman, who was a member of the Swiss, Swedish, Danish and Belgian diplomatic party of 18 men and women, an American soldier, one of three who had been drinking heavily at a nearby table, persisted in asking the women at the party to dance.

When another guest, Mr. Kjell Roenstrom, also of Stockholm, tried to remonstrate with him, the GI hit him and a general melee ensued, during which the soldier drew a razor.—United Press.

CABINET MEETS ON RECOGNITION

London, December 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is this morning attending a Cabinet meeting, which will decide the date of the British recognition of the Chinese Communist Government.

But the fact that a decision is due today does not mean that either recognition or an announcement will be immediate. The result of today's meeting will be communicated first to the Commonwealth Government.

This was Mr. Bevin's first day back at the Foreign Office for nearly three weeks. After a fortnight's holiday at Eastbourne, on the South Coast, he spent the early part of this week at home with a chill.—Reuters.

LABOUR DEMAND TURNED DOWN

Workers of the Hong Kong Telephone Company and Hong Kong Tramways were told by their managements yesterday that their demand for an extra or additional cost of living allowance could not be granted.

In their letters to the workers, which were couched in identical terms, the managements said they had found it was not justifiable to depart from the Rehabilitation Allowance figures fixed by Government.

These figures, the letters said, were based on actual costs of commodities, and revised from time to time according to the market fluctuations of such costs.

A second demand of the workers that they should be given an extra month's pay plus the rehabilitation allowance at the end of the year, was, however, accepted by both managements.

The workers of the Hong Kong Electric Company, who sent representatives to see the management at 10 a.m. yesterday to formally present their demand for an additional cost of living allowance of HK\$80 a month for each person, had their demand immediately turned down; but a second demand for an extra month's pay at the end of the year to include also the rehabilitation allowance, was granted.

The simultaneous decision of the three utility concerns in turning down the demand of their workers for a pay increase is the result of joint deliberations over the week, it was reliably learned.

Workers of the three companies held separate meetings at their union headquarters last night, and strong indignation was expressed over the attitude adopted by their employers.

Meetings called. Union officials last night were busy arranging to call general meetings of their members to discuss what action should be taken following the refusal of their employers to accept their demand.

Workers of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, who were the first to send in their demand in August last, will meet this evening.

The "other two" unions had not up to late last night decided when to meet.

The telephone workers had asked for an extra allowance of HK\$75 to \$115 a month according to grade, while the tramway workers wanted an overall payment of HK\$500 a month irrespective of grade.

The Hong Kong Electric Company workers, who delayed formally presenting their demand until yesterday morning, were unaware of the joint decision taken by the utility companies, until they met with an immediate refusal from the management.

Their demand was an overall payment of HK\$380 a month, irrespective of grade.

QUIRINO ASKS FOR UNITY

Manila, December 15.

Delivering his 14th monthly radio chat over a nationwide hook-up by remote control from Malacanang Palace this evening, President Quirino appealed for creative co-operation and unity among the people, so that they may dedicate their energies to the common task of nation building.

"We have too much work waiting to be done to allow for the costly luxury of endless jingo talk," the Chief Executive said.

"It is time that we observed order not merely in our commands but in our minds and in our hearts."

The President added that those who constantly talk of their love of democracy should stop talking and practice it. If they thing they have legitimate grievances, they should come out and not sulk in the dark, to plot revolutions that degenerate into a physical and moral ambush of the innocent.—Reuters.

HITCH APPEARS AT BRIMS DOWN

London, December 15.

An unexpected hitch in the settlement of the London power strike developed today when workers at Brimsdown power station refused to go back to work unconditionally.

When 400 men read a notice posted up by the British Electricity Authority, which controls this nationalised industry, saying that the return to work must be unconditional, they passed an emergency resolution refusing to start work, claiming the situation had developed into a lock-out.

At the Dartford power station, men reporting for work refused to sign a book at the gates. They said that they were returning to work unconditionally.—Reuters.

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Princess Visits U.S. Warship



Princess Elizabeth is seen setting with Vice-Admiral J. J. Ballentine, U.S.N., Commander of the 6th task force abroad when she inspected the company of the U.S. Warship USS "Doe" at Grand Harbour, Malta. The Duke of Edinburgh is seen at extreme right. (AP Photo).

HK To Get Back Radium

Tokyo, December 15.

General MacArthur's Headquarters today ordered the restitution of 24.98 milligrams of radium to the Hong Kong Government.

The announcement said that the radium was looted from Matilda Hospital in Hong Kong during the Pacific war.

It was contained in 15 needles taken into custody by SCAP with other radium found in the possession of Yoshida Kodama, former Chief of the Imperial Japanese Army in Hong Kong.

The paper said the extent of British development of atomic weapons and their construction had been indicated in official statements.

The first fact was outlined in the British White Paper on the atomic bomb that it was British scientists who calculated the critical amount of energy needed to explode the bomb, the amount of energy released and who studied the conditions for increasing that amount.

"Secondly, testimony at the recent United States congressional inquiry into atomic energy made by leading American scientists revealed that Britain had all the know-how necessary to make atomic weapons."

The Court's judgment, which was read by the acting President, Mr. J. C. Guerrero, was given by 12 votes to 2. Judge Krylov of Russia said he was unable to agree either with the operative clause or with the reasons for the judgment.

Judge Ezer, judge ad hoc, representing Albania, also dissented with the majority judgment and appended a dissenting opinion.—Reuters.

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NEWSPAPER SAYS:

BRITAIN HAS ATOM WEAPON

London, December 15.

The "Daily Mirror" said today that Britain has an "atomic weapon" which may be tested at the Australian secret rocket range.

The "Mirror" indirectly indicated that Britain has had the weapon for two years.

It said that by agreement with the United States and Canada the weapon will not be tested at the forthcoming atom bomb tests to be conducted by the United States at Eniwotok in the Pacific.

The "Mirror" said: "Apart from the American proving ground for atomic weapons the only other likely place where it could be tried out is the secret Australian rocket range."

The "Mirror" gave no source for the statement that Britain has an atomic weapon, but quoted from a number of recent Government statements supporting such a supposition.

The paper said: "Britain's atomic weapon, which our scientists have been developing for more than two years, will not be tried out in the forthcoming tests of American atom bombs."

This decision was taken at tri-power talks on atomic co-operation between Britain, Canada and the United States. The talks have just ended in Washington.

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Reminders

Today

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tom-ho, for Forces, 8 p.m., Nathan Road, Kowloon.
Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral, 1.15 p.m.
Sinh-British Orchestra concert at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.
Marsman Hong Kong China Limited, annual general meeting, 11 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.
Chinese Products Seventh Annual Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kowloon Grammar School, Society concert at Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.
Chinese Products Seventh Annual Exhibition, on site opposite Peninsula Hotel.
SUNDAY
The H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 3.30 p.m.
HK Arts Club sketching party, members to assemble at Queen's Place, 10.30 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra Grand Christmas Concert, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Armchair Group, talk on "Joy and Mysteria" by Miss J. Stuart, 8.30 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tom-ho, for Servicemen, 8 p.m.

Carnival Dance At The IRC

Xmas Eve promises to be one of the most enjoyable nights at the Indian Recreation Club where a carnival dance will be held. Music will be provided by the Band of the Royal Marines (by kind permission of Brigadier Hardy, DSO, OBE, RM). Tickets at \$5 each, are available from the Convenor (Mr. A. K. Mackay, Tel. 33549) or members of the Special Sub-Committee, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. S. H. Donald, Tel. 30311) or the Bar Boy (Tel. 23541). As the demand for these have been on the heavy side, members are requested to obtain them early. Tables may be booked at a charge of \$5 each (table for four or six). This will be the Club's last dance of the year and no effort has been spared to make it the outstanding function on the Club's 1940 social programme. A floor show has been tentatively arranged, but this subject to confirmation as the amateur artists may not possibly be able to make the engagement.

EUROPEAN WOMAN'S DEATH

A European woman, believed to be a Mrs. Anderson, was taken to hospital from 1 Dorset Crescent, Kowloon, Tong, shortly before 4 p.m. yesterday and was found to be dead on arrival.

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An appeal to the public to conserve water was issued yesterday by Mr. J. Forbes, Waterworks Engineer.

Mr. Forbes stated that the developed water resources of the Colony are now insufficient to meet the demand for water.

This, he said, is due to the increase in population, the increase in the use of water per head of population, and the development of industries, especially cotton mills.

The present calculated total storage is 5,000 million gallons, allowing for loss in the reservoirs, and consumption during November this year to date has averaged over 34 million gallons a day even with water shut-off nightly from 9.30 p.m. to 6.30 a.m.

There is in storage only some six months supply, even allowing for the amount still flowing in from streams, a position which cannot be accepted as entirely satisfactory.

The average daily consumption for November 1940 was 32 million gallons on full supply, and even with this smaller consumption, restrictions were imposed on December 1, 1940, and have continued ever since. More and more severe restrictions are likely to be necessary as time goes on.

The only satisfactory method of overcoming this shortage is to build new reservoirs. But even if work were started on a new scheme now it would be from five to six years before water was available, and no new scheme has yet been approved.

Unfortunately no suitable sites for reservoirs are left on the island or in Kowloon, and only in the New Territories do suitable sites exist.

Three Measures

It is impossible to obtain water on a large scale from wells in Hong Kong and Kowloon, as the underlying geological formation is granite which is unsuitable for storing water. The small amount of underground water available is used to meet its limited use for flushing, air conditioning, etc.

What steps can be taken, therefore, to improve the position in the meantime? asks Mr. Forbes. The following are the only measures that are open to us—

- (1) To further restrict hours of supply. This is undesirable, and will be put into effect only if conditions as regards storage and consumption make it essential.
- (2) To eliminate underground leakages in water mains. This involves constant systematic night surveys by waterworks staff, and steps are being taken to rectify these leaks (which were carried out before the war) as soon as staff is available.
- (3) To educate the public to economise in the use of water and to prevent waste. Less can be used in baths, hand basins, etc. and taps should not be left running or dripping. Leaks should be reported to Waterworks "Complaints" as soon as they are discovered. Other sources of wastage and excessive use of water are

Chinese Parade At Lyemun

Brigadier M. S. K. Maunsell, Chief of Staff, Land Forces, took the salute at a passing out parade of the Hong Kong Chinese Training Unit at Lyemun Barracks yesterday.

The Chief of Staff inspected 80 local enlisted personnel who have just completed 14 weeks' basic training, and have volunteered for further service as volunteers. They will subsequently be attached to an Animal Pack Transport Company of the RASC in the New Territories.

During the ceremony Brigadier Maunsell presented a suit and a swag bag each to Mr. Ho Choy, 5th Platoon No. 6, and Mr. Tsang Shui Yin, 6th Platoon No. 7, for being the two best recruits. Military music was supplied by a band of the Royal Marines.

In a short speech to the men Brigadier Maunsell said he was happy to have been present to witness them after they had just completed 14 weeks' basic training.

"Your turnout has been smart and soldierly," the Chief of Staff said. "It reflects great credit on you and your commanding officers and instructors. I wish you all success."

Li Tsung-jen To Have An Operation

General Li Tsung-jen, Acting President of Nationalist China, will undergo an operation on Sunday at the Columbia Hospital, New York, according to private messages received in the Colony last night.

The Acting President left Hong Kong on December 5 for medical treatment to a stomach ailment.

MARSMAN HEAD ARRIVING

Mr. Antonio de las Alas and Mr. A. L. Veilla are arriving in the Colony today by the ss. Bali from Manila on a brief holiday from business visits. Mr. Veilla is the President of the Philippine Lumber Company and Vice-President of Marsman and Company, Incorporated. Mr. Alas will attend the Eighth Annual General Meeting of Marsman Hong Kong Chinese Limited, in the Colony.

Mr. Veilla, who is secretary of various mining companies under Marsman Company's management, will also attend the meeting.

Mr. Alas, formerly Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Public Works in the Philippine Government, is now a member of the Monetary Board of the Central Bank of the Philippine Government.

Among the several positions he holds, Mr. Alas is President of Coco Grove Incorporation and the Philippine Lumber Association and Director of various mining companies in the islands.

Mr. Veilla is a prominent attorney-at-law in Manila.

Both visitors will remain in Hong Kong for about 10 days.

CHINESE PRODUCTS EXHIBITION OPENS

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The time may come, if an even higher quality of Hong Kong products is achieved, when this Colony may play its part as a dollar center by exporting its well-finished articles to hard currency markets, and I also hope that the experience gained in developing our own local industries will eventually be beneficial to the development of industry in our great neighbour, China.

"I understand that there are double the number of exhibitors that there were last year. This is a great tribute to the enthusiasm of the exhibitors in general, and to the Chinese Manufacturers' Union under the able chairmanship of Mr. Shum Choy-wah and Mr. U. Tat-choi, the prime organizers of the exhibition, in particular. The Union has been progressive and active in its efforts to develop a great deal to foster Hong Kong industries, and I should like to congratulate and thank them. I should also like to say how much we appreciate the excellent work done for us in London by Mr. Grimwood."

Larger Display

The range of exhibits on display was decidedly larger than that of 12 months ago. Improvement on quality was also noticeable and this was commented upon by those attending. The weather was disappointing, with an overcast sky and a slight drizzle throughout the afternoon, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the more than 1,000 guests who attended the exhibition.

A cocktail party was held from 5 to 7 p.m. after the official opening.

At 8 p.m. the exhibition was thrown open to the public, but long before that hour a large crowd queued up at the ticket booths for admission.

Officials of the Manufacturers' Union said this year's display was the most comprehensive exhibition they had put up. The response from interested parties, the buyers and exporters, they said, was most encouraging, and they were confident that much benefit would accrue to the exhibitors from the exhibition.

Actor Witness Told To Stand Down In Court

Mr. F. X. d'Almada ordered a witness out of the box at the continued hearing of an extortion case at Kowloon yesterday.

An actor, Au Siu-kee, who was a police witness, was under cross-examination by Mr. Marcus da Silva when the magistrate told him to stand down. Counsel had termed the replies as "ridiculous and inconsistent with your evidence-in-chief."

Complainant in the case is a popular Chinese actor, Shek Yin-chi, who alleges that the sum of \$800 was demanded from him with menaces by Ho Wai-lam, Ho Tin-sing, Cheung Wang and Cheung Lun.

Previous evidence given in court stated that Shek had been accused by first defendant of having misappropriated himself with a woman, Ho Po-lin, who was the "girl friend" of another actor, Chang Wai-sum.

It was also stated that Shek had been approached by defendants who had been accused of having lured him to follow by defendants; first, that he was not to perform before the camera with Ho Po-lin again; secondly, that Shek was to marry his fiancée, Fung Ngai-mun, at once, and finally, that complainant was to give a dinner to end the matter.

In his evidence, Shek told the court that he had not agreed to the conditions and had told the defendants that he was unable to meet them. He further alleged that in subsequent meetings with defendants he was forced to surrender a sum of \$300 after he had told them that he was unable to make the original sum, which was \$4,000, which Shek said, first defendant claimed to be the money he had spent with regard to the matter.

When hearing resumed yesterday, Au Siu-kee, another actor, was called as a Police witness. More than an hour of cross-examination by Mr. da Silva elicited little, throughout which period both magistrate and defence counsel had shown dissatisfaction with the witness's replies.

Finally, before Mr. da Silva was finished with Au Siu-kee, d'Almada ordered witness from the box saying that he was a liar.

Fiancee's Evidence

Fung Ngai-mun, fiancée of Shek, the complainant, told the court that she had known about the three conditions laid down by defendants. Cross-examination by Mr. da Silva, witness said that she knew that the matter arose from Shek's relationship with the woman, Ho Po-lin. She also admitted to Mr. da Silva that the conditions laid down were to discourage Shek from consorting with Ho Po-lin further. In reply to questions, witness said that she had offered to pay the dinner allegedly demanded by defendant, Ho Wai-lam.

The court room was packed yesterday with spectators among whom were a number of interested Chinese teen-agers who were apparently fans of the actors in this real life drama.

Actor-witness Au Siu-kee of the witness stand caused Mr. d'Almada to finally exclaim: "You are just acting before this crowd of spectators!"

The prosecution will close its case in the next hearing fixed for 9.30 a.m. on December 19.

TO BE WED

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Lawrence Antonio da Costa, Jr., ailing traffic officer of 30 Hankow Road, second floor, and Miss Betty Hsu, stewardess of Lytton House, Room 443, Mody Road, Kowloon; Joseph Francis Osterman, USN, seaman of USS Helena, and Miss Theresa Jeanne D'Arcy, of 188 Klunking Street, second floor.

Portugal Honours J. M. Braga

Mr. J. M. Braga, well-known local Portuguese resident, was decorated by the Portuguese Government yesterday.

At the local Portuguese Consulate, the Consul, Dr. Eduardo Braganza, presented Mr. Braga with the insignia and diploma of the Order of Knight of S. Tiago da Espada of Portugal.

An official Consulate statement described Mr. Braga as a learned investigator of the deeds and achievements of Portugal in the Far East.

It added that the relevant services rendered to the culture of the history of Portugal in the Far East by Mr. Braga are fully recognised by the decoration.

Mr. Braga, a British subject of Portuguese descent, is the son of the first member of the Portuguese community to belong to the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong, who was also the author of the history of the deeds of the Portuguese in Hong Kong.

Mr. J. M. Braga, his son, now invested with Order, is the author of several works dealing with the history of Portugal in the Far East.

TRIED TO GET A FREE MEAL

Although she had money, a Chinese woman, Yiu Man-ha, aged 25, from Auwei Province, tried to get a free meal from the Jin Shok Restaurant at 88, Queen's Road, Central, on Wednesday.

She was charged before Mr. Scholtes at Central yesterday with obtaining credit by fraud (and was cautioned and warned not to repeat the offence). She was charged before Mr. Scholtes at Central yesterday with obtaining credit by fraud (and was cautioned and warned not to repeat the offence).

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

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GER late of Koyamally
Building, Victoria in Colo-
ny of Hong Kong, Dental
Surgeon, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probates Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 5th January, 1950.

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—NO. 3

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portation of Cement from
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made to firms that have im-
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within the last six months.

Applications must reach the
Director of Supplies & Dis-
tribution by noon on Monday,
December 19. Particulars of
importations during the last
six months must be supplied.

Import Licences must be ob-
tained before the end of this
month, and Licences will be
valid for the importation of
supplies shipped up to the end
of January, 1950, only.

K. M. A. BARNETT,
Director,
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December 14, 1949

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST
NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER
OFFICERS' GUILD

A meeting of the Management
Committee will be held at the
office (third floor), Union Build-
ing, 21 Pedder Street, at 4 p.m.,
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GEORGE T. LLOYD,
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Mr. P. J. Roberts distributing prizes at the Quarry Bay School
yesterday.—("China Mail" photo.)

Quarry Bay School
Prize-Giving Day

Parents and teachers applauded yesterday as young
students of the Quarry Bay School entertained
in a series of songs and dances prior to
presentation of annual prizes.

Dressed in bunnies, Santa
Claus, angels, gnomes and
fairies, the little boys and
girls outdid each other in a

FRENCH
CRISIS
OVER

Paris, December 14.

The French Socialist Party
today decided to continue to
participate in the present
Coalition Cabinet.

An Extraordinary Party Con-
gress, which has been meeting
since yesterday, adopted tonight a
resolution in favour of continued
participation by 1,323 votes to 957.
A motion to withdraw the
Socialist Ministers forthwith was
rejected by the same number of
votes.

The decision to continue Social-
ist Participation in the Govern-
ment was made subject to the
Government of M. Georges
Bidault carrying out a certain
number of conditions.

Failing the fulfilment of these
conditions by January 1, said the
Socialist Congress resolution, the
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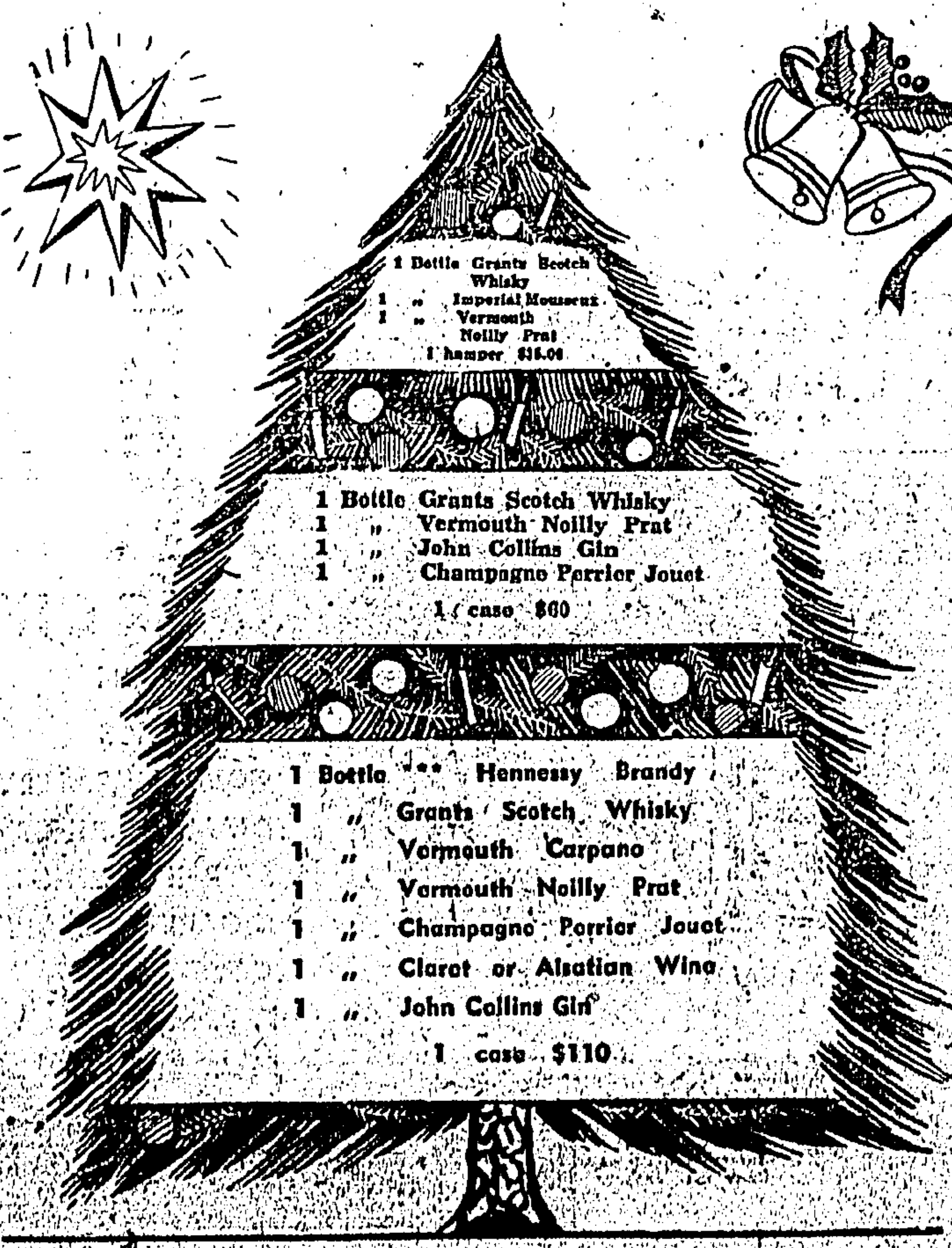
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mining the ultimate contract or
else they damage the side which
makes such a bid. But there is
no question that sometimes they
pay real dividends. In rare sit-
uations they result in the weaker
side playing the hand and taking
a very small loss, whereas their
opponents could have made a
game which they missed because
of the deceptive psychic.

S J 10 9 4
H 3
D A J 4 2
C J 10 3 3
S Q 3 2 7 N H A 9 5 4
H K 10 8 7 W E D K 8
D Q 10 8 6 S Q K 8 6 5 4
C A D S A 8 7 6 5
H Q 6 2
D 9 7 3
C Q 7

South West North East
Pass Pass 1 C Pass
1 S Pass 2 S

(Dealer: South. East-West vul-
nerable).

East and West were burned up
when they found after the play
that they could have made a
heart game as easily as rolling
off a log, losing only one trick
each in spades and diamonds if
the heart finesse had been tried
against South and only three
tricks if it wasn't. Then came
the explanation.
West was close to an opening
bid, but just under the sound

minimum. North was soundly
tempted by the vulnerability to
essay his psychic opening. East
said he would have bid 1-Heart
if North's bid had been 1-Dia-
mond, but that, since he held a
good deal in clubs himself, he
saw a chance of a bad mist be-
tween North and South. So he
waited. When his next turn ar-
rived, it was too high for him to
enter at the level of three-over
the 2-Spades which North had
bid to continue the illusion of
strength.

With vulnerability as it was,
East should have been suspicious
of North and chanced 1-Heart
with his hand, even though that
was a rather hard bid to make.
In the play that developed,
South went down only one trick,
losing one each in the majors and
two each in the minors, a cheap
price to pay for preventing a vul-
nerable game.

Tomorrow's Problem.

S 7 5 4 2
H K 10 8 7
D K 7 4 2
C 10 7 3
S Q 6
H 8 5 4 2
D 10 8 3
C K 9 6 5

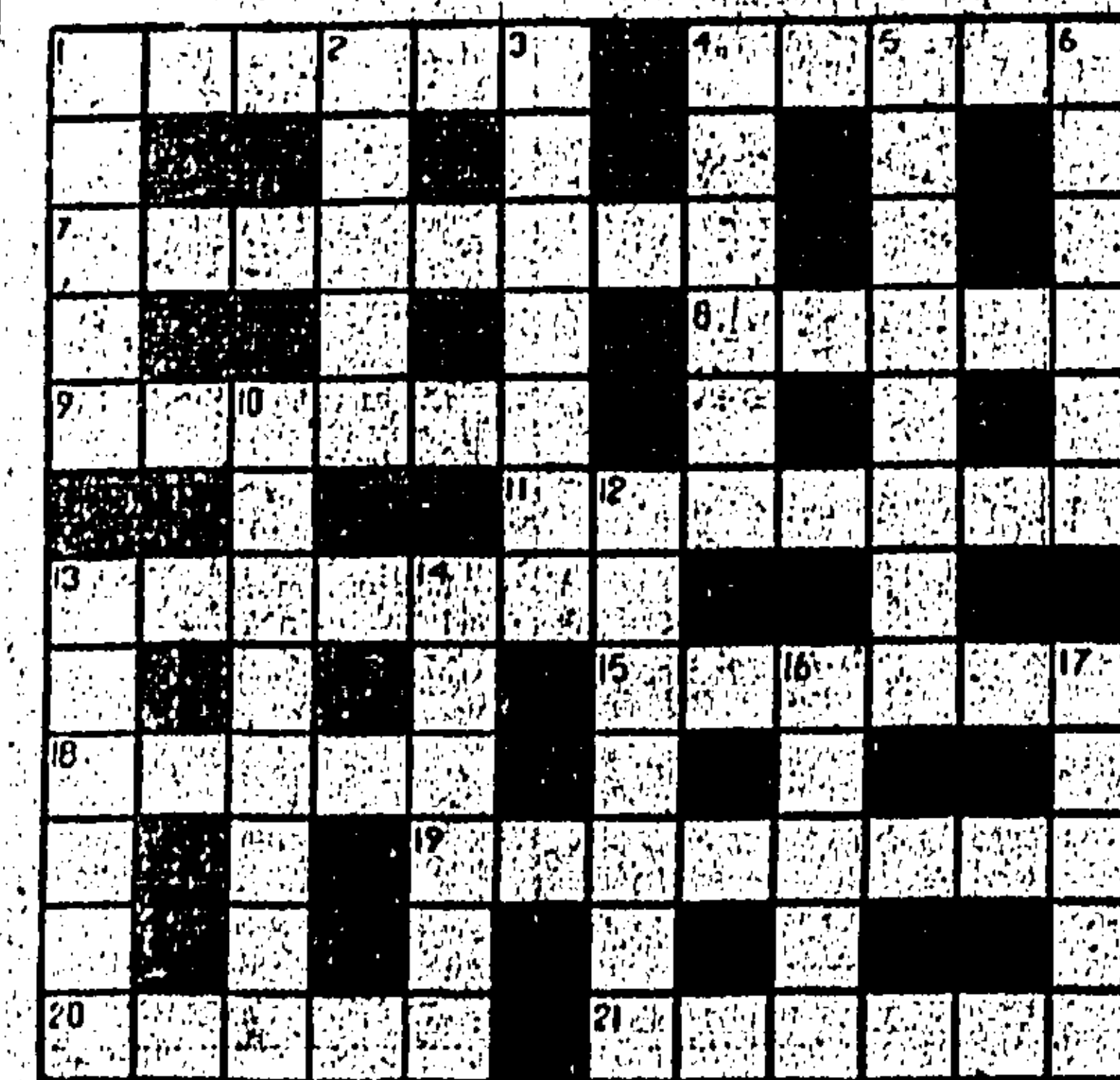
S 10 9 8
H 9 7 3
D A Q J
C Q J 8 2

S A K J 8
H A Q J 6
D 9 6 5
C A 4

(Dealer: West. Neither side
vulnerable).

How should South play for his
4-Spades after the diamond 10
lead?

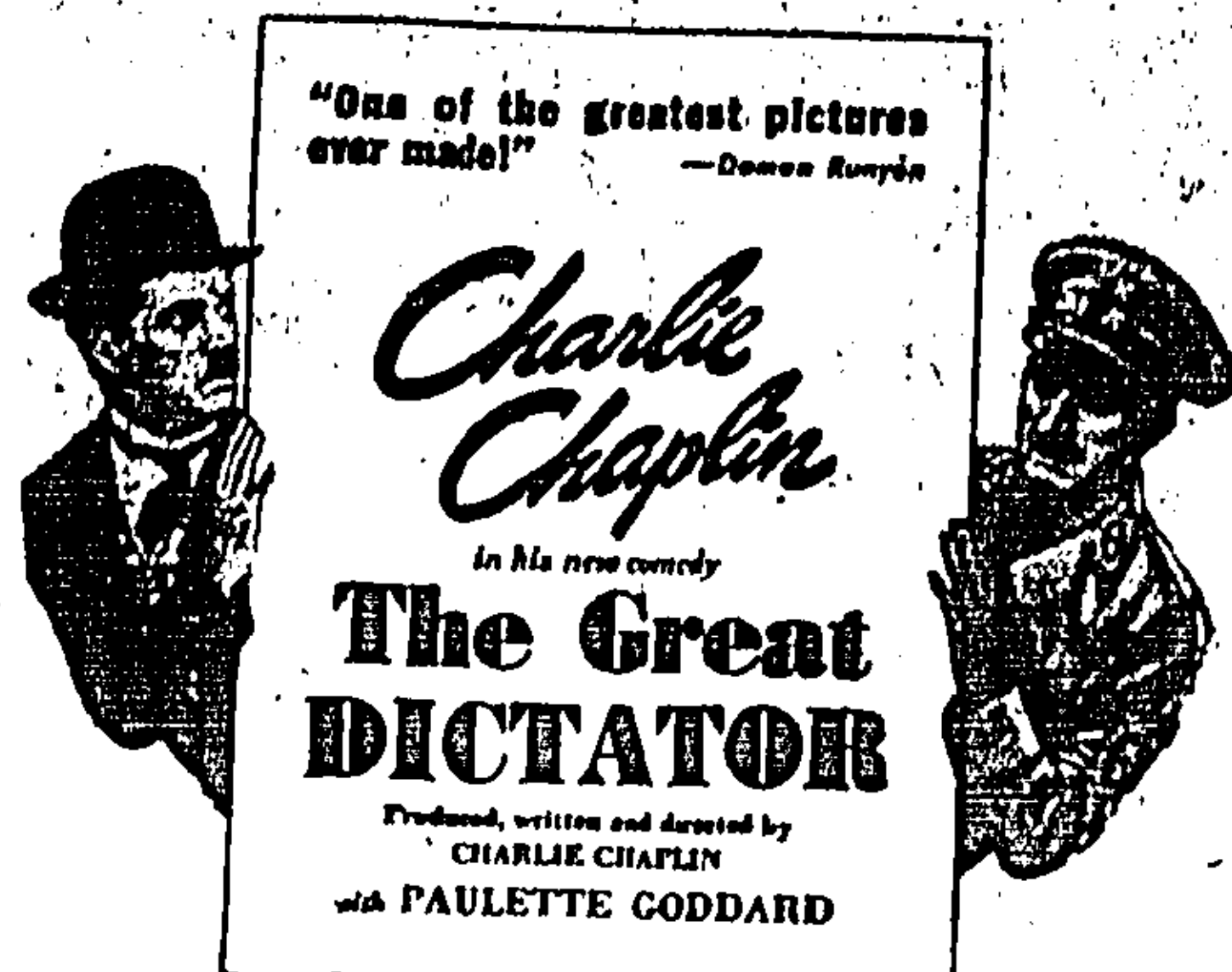
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Across
1 Beautiful child.
4 Peele.
7 Grace.
8 Hymnary.
9 Confusion.
11 Shine.
15 Discharge.
16 Design.
18 Foundation.
19 Enslaved.
20 Welsh.
21 Course.
Down
1 The best part.
2 Stuff.
3 Teases.
4 Looked closely.
5 Control.
6 Globe.
10 Calamity.
12 Foolish.
13 Avertment.
14 Mad.
16 Feature.
17 Flavour.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Hash, 4 Vampire,
8 Avid, 9 Agog, 10 Voluble, 11
Gale, 12 Reel, 14 Disport, 17 Or-
der, 19 Smear, 22 Treason, 23
Ends, 27 Mean, 28 Sublime, 29
Ips, 30 Idea, 31 Density, 32 Lion.
DOWN—2 Angler, 3 Haggie,
4 Vivid, 5 Adonis, 6 Plump, 7
Ruler, 12 Rout, 13 Edge, 15 Omen,
16 Tars, 18 Commit, 20 Mental,
21 Advice, 23 Rouse, 24 Atlas, 25
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Miss Calvet portrays a seductive Capetown café girl who is hired by stockholder Rains to pry loose from Lancaster the location of a cache of diamonds. Lancaster, a former guide, has returned to the forbidden diamond area in spite of the commander's threats to his life.

Henreid plays the viciously cruel commander of Diamondstadt, who wants the diamonds and would like nothing better than to kill Lancaster to get them. The latter has an old score to settle with Henreid and his desire for vengeance motivates the fierce fights between them that follow his return.

Miss Calvet's romantic preference for Lancaster further fuels Henreid's hatred of him and adds fuel to their determination to get the diamonds and each other.

Through it all Rains manipulates the stings suavely Mephistophelian. His acting, as always, superbly finished. Rains creates a sinister character of the unscrupulous Martingale.

Peter Lorre comes through well with his portrayal of Toudy, disreputable floater who will sell anyone down the river for a price.



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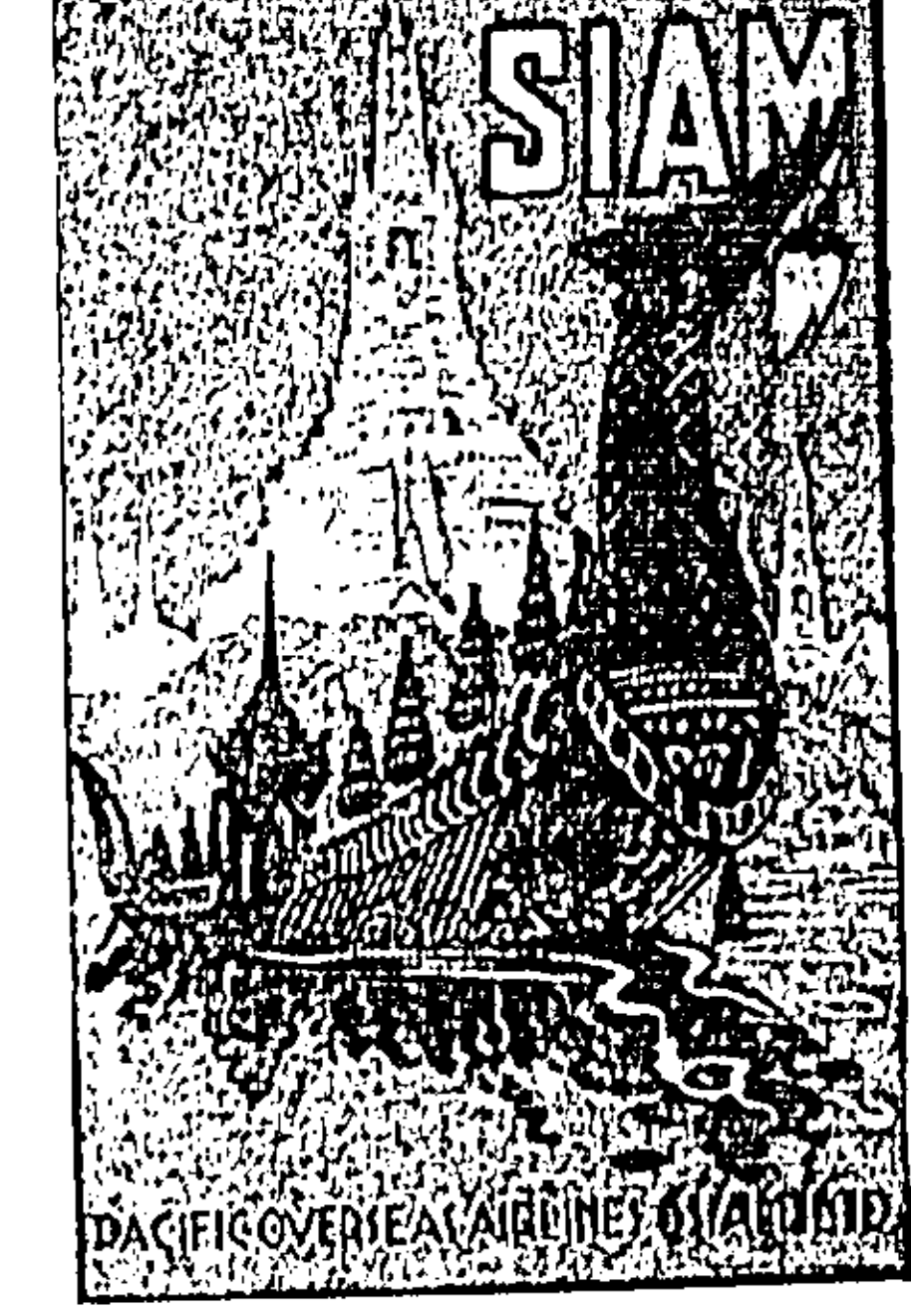
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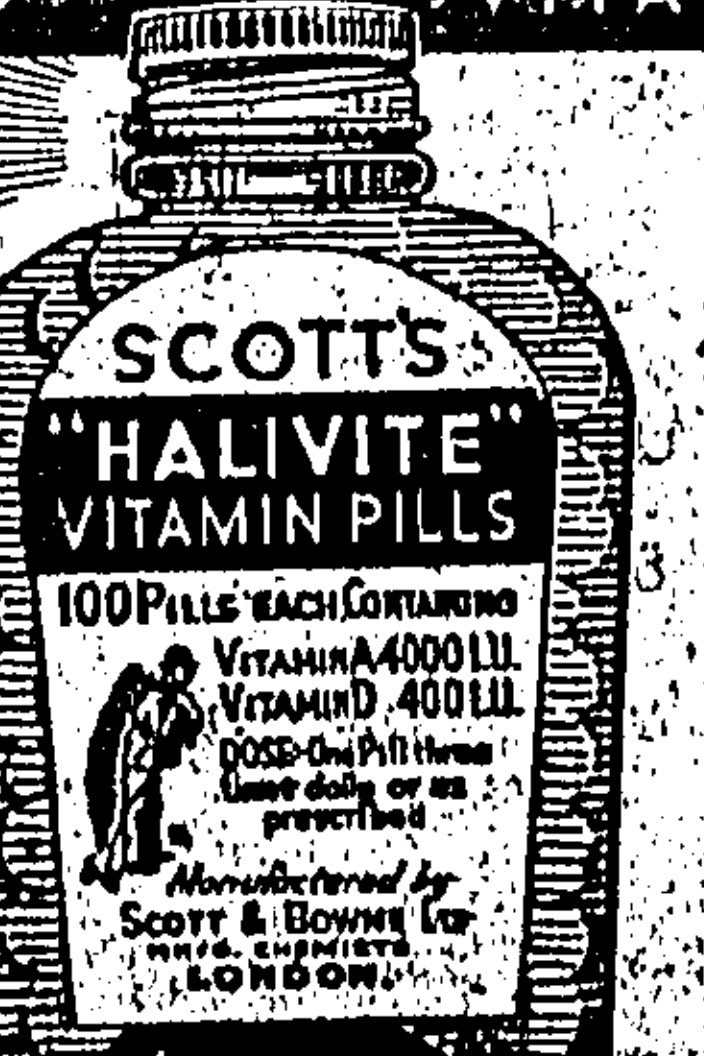
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THREE ESSENTIALS

Recognition, reconstruction, and security—these terms sum up the essentials of policy in the Far East. They are closely related and will have to be provided for in that context, just as they have been provided for in Western Europe. Mr. Vyshinsky says all goes well in China. General MacArthur believes that all goes well in Japan, and that the time has come to trust her. Britain may be dubious about both, but is clearly bent on a realistic policy.

That involves, as a first step, full recognition of the new regime in Peking. It is not necessary to have the light of stars in the eyes to do this. The plain fact is that the Nationalist Government has conceded practically the whole of mainland China to the new regime. Either we are to have relations with that Government or we are to remain out in the cold, powerless to do anything about it or to influence the course of events. These will be dominated by what happens inside China, not by anything that can happen outside.

Britain is now waiting to get all the members of the Commonwealth into line, and probably some of the other Western countries also. When recognition is formally given, it will be quite a demonstration, certainly of their solidarity. Formal recognition does not, of course, necessarily imply solidarity with the Government recognised. Fear or favour has little to do with it. It is just a businesslike action which enables contact, discussions and representations to be made.

Even these very normal things may prove a bit difficult to begin with.

It may or may not mean a little more business. That will depend largely on whether the blockade ceases or continues. That again isn't a major consideration, because business will depend less upon recognition as such, than upon the general policy of the Communist Government. Certainly no change in the form and channels of trade laid down by the new regime can be expected for a long time to come—if then. There should be no illusions on that score. The wheels may be oiled and may run a bit more smoothly. The Consular officials may take up issues that arise with higher officials, and even businessmen themselves may be able to get beyond the lowest functionary in seeking guidance and information. But the Communist trade mechanism will stay.

It is hardly likely, even if Commonwealth and European diplomacy is fully equipped for the fray on the spot, that it will be able to influence Peking diplomatic and political policy at present. We can see the tendencies at work in Europe on both sides of the curtain. Titoism isn't peculiar to Yugoslavia. The line of division between national and international Communism grows clearer as the weeks pass. It is bound to continue, for it is a divergence that has universal validity, in East and West alike. In time it may prove the thick end of a still larger wedge but the tendency has been strictly limited to first principles in Belgrade and the slow imperiousness of economic directives will take time to work out. Communism is not the end of history or of change; it is merely the end of the beginning.

It is intolerable, inconceivable and dangerous, says the *Manchester Guardian*, to

For the present the great debate in England is upon the economic crisis and on the domestic measures needed to deal with it. But before long, the country must debate one of the hardest problems ever set before it. It must debate how far it can take part in West European Union.

There is a great deal of vagueness in the phrase "West Union". Everybody is agreed that military collaboration between the countries of Western Europe is essential. So, also, is some measure of economic collaboration. But the propaganda now conducted by the European Movement looks for a much more radical measure. It urges a genuine federation of Western European countries.

Some very influential men in America are supporting this pressure, and are suggesting that Marshall Aid can be used as a sanction to compel Britain to take part in a European Federation. It is disturbing to see how many people in England are repeating the slogan of "West Union" without having thought out its implications. Why is West Union considered so desirable?

Two reasons are usually given. One is that Union is necessary for defence. But is it? Military co-operation, very intimate co-operation, is possible between countries which do not have to merge their identities. Military co-operation in the West is already provided for amply by the Brussels Pact and the Atlantic Pact. It would not necessarily be more intimate if there was Federation.

The second reason given is that a West Union is necessary in order to enable us to overcome the dollar crisis. Nobody, however, explains very convincingly how West Union could do this. It is short of dollars. All West Europe is short of dollars. It is a new theory that to marry one bankrupt to another will produce a solvent.

What It Implies

Very few of the enthusiasts who attend the Hall rallies in favour of West Union seem to have thought out what would happen to British economic life if it became a reality. A true West Union implies a currency union, a Customs union, a free movement of labour. Inevitably the first results of union would be a steady economic pressure to bring Britain to the same standard of living as other countries of West Europe. Labour would flood in from Germany and Italy. Wages would be kept down. Some industries would be ruined.

Who would determine the foreign policy of a West Union?

There would be no diplomatic relations with an important part of the world; it makes the world even more disorganised than it need be. The qualifications for recognition are chiefly independence, effective authority, and stability, and on these things Peking passes any reasonable test. As for the fulfilment of international obligations—which is another test—Mao Tse-tung has declared his readiness to observe the principles of equality, mutual benefit, and mutual respect of territorial integrity with any State in diplomatic relations with his Government.

He has gained power through civil war, not by the suffrages of the people. That was also true, however, of the preceding regime and of almost every Government since the fall of the Dynasty. All were recognised, and the last Government still holds the title of sovereignty in relation to foreign recognition. But it can hardly be argued any longer that it still exercises or is able to exercise that sovereignty. The tests it once had to meet to secure recognition it can no longer pass. It has ceased to be the effective Government of China.

Many are unhappy about that, many are not. Nobody with any decency likes to kick another when he is down. But facts remain facts, whether they are pleasant or unpleasant. At Lake Success the British delegate, Sir Terence Shone, said that the British Government's decision will be made to "conform to the facts". It will not be influenced by any likes or dislikes of either regime or of the methods by which it came into existence.

Not all agree that this has nothing whatever to do with the matter, at any rate in practice and point of urgency. And it seems agreed that the United States will bide her time about recognition. That may be just as useful as early Commonwealth recognition. But there are signs that the margin of time won't be very great. If all goes reasonably well, after Commonwealth action.

THE COMING GREAT DEBATE

By "WINDRUSH"

Britain would certainly form a very important part of West Union and its views would carry much weight, but it would not dominate the Union. In the long run, foreign policies of the Union might be made by Germans and Frenchmen. Thereby, the British people would have abandoned their traditional contribution to European and world affairs.

What, too, would happen to the Dominions? Mr. Spang, the Belgian statesman who is so influential in pressing for West Union, has said that it is very desirable that the entire Commonwealth should join with Britain in coming into the Union. But what inducement would Australia or Canada have to do any such thing?

Consider the other political difficulties of organising a merger of sovereignty. Three main languages would be spoken in the Union—English, French, and German. It is always hard to maintain a political union which is not based by unity of language. The political problems which interest

in a puddle of stagnant water inches deep, outside the over-open door of a tumble-down adobe hut, there stands, gleaming with chromium, an eight-cylinder, 1950 model American car.

Inside there is not a chair, nor a table, nor even a bed. The owner of hut and car alike sits on a packing-case and eats his meal from a bare and unplated board; he sleeps—sometimes two, three, or four strong—in a hammock, crossways, not endways.

But against one ramshackle wall there stands a glittering new radio; against the other a huge, dazzling white ice-box.

That, in miniature, is a picture of the whole, vast (and to Europe little-known) country of Venezuela today, a land bursting with energy, bulging with present and the certainty of future prosperity; passionately desirous to raise at once its internal standard of living and its external prestige.

A country sensitive to the point of hyperaesthesia; at once anxious for, and dreading, European criticism; so eager not to be considered just another Latin American hinterland with resources which demand its development that, like a nouveau riche (which it is), it spends recklessly, too often on last things first.

If the Western tip of Venezuela—where the Andes thrust their towering spurs from the Pacific to the Caribbean—were put at London, the Eastern end would strike Warsaw, if the Northern tip were set at London, the bottom of the triangle would reach Florence.

Mixed Peoples

This area is populated with a mere 4,000,000 people: Indians, Spaniards, a handful of Negroes, and a mixture of all three races. There used to be a strong—there still is a moderately strong—German colony.

There is also, a considerable Anglo-American community, which is, historically, mainly responsible for the country's sudden development from a war-ridden, disease-ridden, capricious land of gross extremes of wealth and poverty into one of the most forward-looking, hopeful, and healthy of ambitious countries of the modern world.

The Anglo-American colony west of Venezuela has wealth, just as much as the Conquistadores 400 years ago. The by-product of the Spanish conquerors searching in vain for gold—for all that they painted the Cross on their banners and held their charge from Apocalypic tabernacles—was Christendom.

The Modern Way

The by-product of the Anglo-Saxon invasion, searching successfully for oil, is modern civilisation: roads, drains, sewers, health services, universal education, and political liberty, as well as motor cars and refrigerators.

A century and a half ago it was Pitt's boast that England had saved herself by her exertions and by her example. And it is today valid for the great international oil companies—Standard Oil of New Jersey from the "New World," Royal Dutch-Shell, the pioneer, from the Old World—have saved the world by their exertions and by their example. And it is today valid for the great international oil companies—Standard Oil of New Jersey from the "New World," Royal Dutch-Shell, the pioneer, from the Old World—have saved the world by their exertions and by their example.

Marks of Progress

Today, apart from boats or motor-boats, while sections of the water are at first sight covered with the tall masts of steam navies, ranged in lines orderly as a review. They are, at second sight, oil derricks.

From the air, here and there, one sees or the glittering water the smudged rainbow of an oil-stain.

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a Frenchman or a German seem often totally uninteresting to an Englishman. The British electorate would find it hard to work up an enthusiasm for, say, the struggle on education between churches and Socialists.

Considerations of this kind seem to be very much in the mind of Mr. Bevin, the Foreign Secretary. Britain has played a cautious part in discussing West Union up to the present time. The Labour Government, in consequence, is held by some continental statesmen to have been wrecking the whole project.

It is to be regretted that the Conservatives, who should be as aware as Labour of the reasons behind Mr. Bevin's caution, have sometimes tried to gain Party advantage by attacking the Government's attitude on this most delicate problem. It is likely that it will be discussed at the coming Colombo Conference. It may be that an expression of their opinion by the Dominions will strengthen the hand of the Government in carrying on its present cautious policy.

Oil Lifts Little Venice From Donkey To Air Stage

By GUY RAMSEY

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One Policy

The aircraft is not only a factor for internal peace, but it is also the only effective means of transport.

There are good roads—the road from La Guayra, the port and airport on the coast, to Caracas, built by the political prisoners of the last tyrant, Gomez, and a masterpiece of twisty, mountain engineering; and the new post-Gomez road from Caracas to the dam, which goes (rightly enough) by the name of Agua Fria (Cold Water), in the superb mountains behind the mountain capital.

This dam is just one of the mass of great public works embarked upon and completed by the Venezuelan Government—by the fact, successive Governments. For it has made a difference which party, which group, which junta (pronounce this hoonta) is in power: one overriding public-spirited policy dominates them all.

Precious Fluid

Oil runs directly into Venezuela's pocket 2,000,000 Bolivars (no, not Bolivars, Bolivars, commonly called Bs) every day of the year. The Bolivar, named after the Liberator of the country from Spain 130 years ago, is worth 2s. and, out-ranks even the dollar in the currency market.

Oil—the precious sea in which Venezuela swims—is another story, which requires another article to touch even the fringe of it. So I leave you with two Venezuelan vignettes.

There are twice as many taxis in Caracas, with a population of 500,000, as there are in London, with a population of 8,000,000, because almost every one who buys a car by hire-purchase pays for it by running it as a taxi.

There are more illegitimate children in the country—a concubine is an official status even on social occasions—and a disinherited official his name, which was different from his father's title, was greeted with a broad grin and the remark: "That happens often in Venezuela, too."

Major Bones Of Contention.

Pakistan immediately retaliated by putting an import duty, equal to India's export duty, on India's making it too expensive for the ordinary people. Then she went and bought her supplies from Ceylon.

India next made it difficult for Pakistan to get sugar, as Pakistan replied by buying her sugar from Cuba, and in return made it extremely difficult for India to get cotton and lace from Pakistan.

Besides the best cotton and jute bales falling within Pakistan territory, she also has the best of the wheat-growing area, and the battle of supplies continues as India has all the coal and the iron and steel-producing plants.

But Kashmir and evasive property are the two major bones of contention between the countries.

In the case of Kashmir, India maintains that Maharajah Hari Singh, the ruler of the State, willingly decided to join India, and therefore Kashmir belongs to her.

Pakistan maintains that in the case of another State, Junagadh, the Maharajah wished to join Pakistan, but India claimed the State because the people wished to join India.

Pakistan's case for Kashmir is that the people want to join Pakistan and that India cannot have things both ways.

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When Pakistan was formed on August 14, 1947, the majority of Indians believed the country would collapse within a year. It has been a sad blow that the only country in the Commonwealth who has not thought it necessary to devalue her currency is the only country Indians thought would now be in the worst straits in the whole sterling area.

Many observers believe that both countries have behaved to one another over the last two years in an extremely childish manner. India started the ball rolling, according to Pakistan, by putting a heavy export duty on tea going to that country, imagining that Pakistan could not do without Indian tea.

After hearing about the prices charged for meals at the new Cheero Club, I wonder why nobody has thought of opening a canteen for civilians.

Myrtle's grandfather suggests that the difference between a man and a woman is that a man will pay \$20 for a \$10 item he wants, while a woman will pay \$10 for a \$20 item she doesn't want.

H'm. "Maxwell Boehmhelm's 'A Virtuous Girl,' slightly used, \$10."

"Four brides. To be abandoned. These women-haters' clubs are a menace to any community."

"The attendance prize was won by Missie—who was absent." Probably away getting drunk somewhere.

Good Morning!

"A blockade of Communist China to force the release of two servicemen held captive there would spare Mrs. William C. Smith the necessity of staging a sit-down strike in the State Department," Senator William F. Knowland says.

And Congress is refusing to do a little thing like that, when it could save Mrs. Smith so much trouble so easily?

Giving away diamonds to church patrons may be all very well, but wouldn't it be simpler just to reduce those 1945-style admission prices?

I know what you mean. "The evening was spent in an informal way, mostly taken up with old-fashioned parlour games."

This "no bath, no shave" day in America is likely to make a lot of people bristle.

The young girl "who was wrongly feared to have contracted tuberculosis" says the trouble is that people will bark up the wrong tree.

No, Myrtle, Pilot Mignon is not an opera by Puccini.

St. Francis Xavier died off the coast of China in 1552. In the next 227 years his zealous example was followed by some 463 evangelists whose devotion and pertinacity has seldom been surpassed.

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ACHESON REFUSES STATEMENT ON U.S. POLICY ON TAIWAN

POWER STRIKE TO BE ENDED

London, December 14. A general agreement to end the London power strike, which has disrupted transport and industry and blacked out wide areas of the City, was reached tonight.

The long meeting between the leaders of the 3,000 power station workers and union officials resulted in a decision, believed to be unanimous, that all mass meetings tomorrow should be postponed to resume work immediately.

The more than 1,000 workers at three of London's power stations in support of a claim for a special bonus for "dirty work."

Yesterday 1,500 workers at Barking, the largest power station in Europe, came out in protest against the use of troops in the other three stations.

Londoners struggled with disrupted underground train services and cancelled trolleybus routes tonight as a result of the strike at four London power stations.

When darkness fell electricity cuts were imposed for the second night in succession.

But though electric cookers failed to operate and heaters were dimmed, the lights did not go out as they did last night.

This morning Londoners had light-heartedly carried candles to work, expecting another sudden black-out. —Reuters

UK WELCOMES WARD RELEASE

London, December 14. Britain officially welcomed today the release by the Chinese Communists of Mr. Angus Ward, U.S. Consul-General in Mukden.

"I welcome the news that Mr. Ward and his staff have been released," the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons. "If their detention had been continued it would have been a very grave matter. So far as our people are concerned, their official status is not of course recognised but as individuals they have been properly treated." —Associated Press

GOVT. DEFEATED

London, December 14. The Government was defeated in the House of Lords tonight when the Opposition, which has a big majority in the Upper Chamber, carried a motion calling for an independent expert inquiry into the Government's East African groundnuts scheme.

The voting was 57 to 27. According to the Constitution, the defeat does not endanger the Government. —Reuters

Washington, December 14.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, outlined to the Press the reason why he believed it would be difficult for the United States to intervene to prevent Taiwan from falling into the hands of the Chinese Communists, even if the Americans desire to do so.

While refusing to commit the United States to any definite policy on Taiwan, the tenor of his remarks substantiated reports from other American official sources that the United States has "written off" the strategic island to the Chinese Communists.

Pointing out that Taiwan has been a part of the Japanese Empire, Mr. Acheson added that firstly the Allies had authorised the Government headed by Chiang Kai-shek to administer Taiwan, pending the conclusion of the peace treaty.

Secondly, by the Cairo Declaration the Allies committed themselves that Taiwan should formally be given to the Chinese at the peace conference.

Referring to the Taiwan question as a very important matter now before the National Security Council, Mr. Acheson said that he did not wish to indulge in speculations on the eventual action by any power.

He avoided questions whether the Chinese Communists, if they seized Taiwan, could be considered logical heirs to the mandate given to Chiang Kai-shek's Government by the Allies to administer the island pending conclusion of a formal treaty which would return the island to China.

Mr. Acheson's extreme caution on Taiwan is believed to have been due to a desire to avoid any statement which could be seized upon by Republican Congressional elements, who are extremely critical of the Administration's policy in Asia.

Policy members of the National Security Council, including Mr. Acheson, believe that American action to hold Taiwan by force would be a very unwise decision with wide ramifications. They believe that such a step would be resented by the Nationalists as well as the Communists in China. It would also cut ground from the U.S. constant stand that disputes must not be resolved by force.

Missing U.S. Personnel

Mr. Acheson indicated that the United States might ask the Soviet Union to help effect the release of the two American Naval men, held in the Talingao area by the Chinese Communists for almost 14 months. Navy Chief Electrician, William Smith and Marine Master Sergeant Elmer Bender, disappeared while on a routine training flight in the Talingao area on October 10, 1948.

Mr. Acheson said that the United States has never had any direct word concerning the whereabouts or condition of the two men, but he heard a radio report on Wednesday that a missionary had seen them, and that they were in good health. American officials would continue their representations to the Communist officials in Peking, and at the same time would consider additional action that might be taken.

French Disarm Chinese Troops

Saigon, December 14.

About 10,000 Chinese Nationalist troops are reported to have crossed the Indo-China frontier from China in the region of Langson today and to have been disarmed by the French.

Official circles have not yet confirmed that this number were disarmed, although they announced that some were interned.

It is believed the Nationalists were a part of the 20,000 troops trapped by the Communists in South Kwangsi, who later escaped to the north.

French officials here had previously said that all troops that entered Indo-China—Communist or Nationalist—would be disarmed and interned.

An official communique issued by the French authorities stated: "After the withdrawal towards the region of Pakhoi, for transfer to Hainan, of the bulk of the forces commanded by General Pai Chung-hoi, some isolated Nationalist groups in the South of Kwangsi presented themselves at our frontier post in the region of Langson to be disarmed and interned."

"No incidents occurred and these Nationalist elements are now en route to camps which have been prepared for them." —Associated Press.

Soviet Meddling

He was asked whether the Red treatment of Mr. Angus Ward and other American personnel did not make him wary concerning what treatment might be given to diplomatic personnel once Communist China has been recognised. He replied it certainly did, and if recognition ever came about, that would be one point upon which the United States would demand complete satisfaction.

The question of Soviet intervention in China arose when Mr. Acheson was questioned concerning a statement he had made earlier in the conference, declaring that the United States had decided to recognise the new government of Panama, and adding that "there has been no evidence that any intervention or other interference by any foreign government was brought to bear in effecting recent changes in the Government of Panama."

Mr. Acheson was asked whether "non-intervention" of foreign powers had been added by the State Department to its criteria for recognising governments.

These three criteria, which Mr. Acheson outlined last September, were:

- The government must be in actual control of the country;
- It must be supported by the majority of the people;
- It must be willing to assume international obligations and duties.

Mr. Acheson said his remark regarding non-intervention did not mean that it had been added as the fourth criterion, but that it was a very important factor to determine whether any government entering recognition had come into power as the result of foreign intervention.

This question would be considered it and when the United States thought about recognising the Chinese Communists, he said. —United Press.

Propaganda Fight Over Aid Plan

Paris, December 14.

Marshall Plan propagandists, fighting to combat an immensely hard core of resistance by the Cominform, believe that the peoples of Western Europe support the Recovery Programme if they understand its objectives.

Mr. Thomas K. Hodges, Chief of the Economic Co-operation Administration's Information, Research and Analysis Section, said today: "About 80 per cent of the people in Austria, Denmark, France, Holland and Norway have heard of the Marshall Plan."

"On an average about one-third of the people in these countries are well-informed about it. An immensely hard core of resistance, specially created to combat the Marshall Plan, is fostered by the Cominform, which seems to have unlimited funds at its disposal."

"Figures so far evolved from surveys indicate that when people are supplied with reasonably comprehensive information on the Plan they support it."

"Confusion about the Plan is expertly exploited by the Communists."

It took Dr. Eric Stern, the European representative of the Roper Organisation, and several hundred quiz men 10 days to get answers to questions aimed at measuring knowledge of the Marshall Plan and the impact of informational media, newspaper, radio or film.

Approximately 180 field men were engaged on the survey in France, 250 in Norway and 100 in Holland. —Reuters.

Creech-Jones On HK Municipal Council

London, December 14.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, questioned in the House of Commons today about the provision of a Municipal Council for the Colony of Hong Kong, said that he is anxious to reach a decision as early as possible.

Reminded that he had expressed the hope last June of being able to make an announcement very soon, he replied: "Yes, but to make Constitutions is not an easy and fast procedure."

Questioned about the new airfield at Deep Bay, Hong Kong, Mr. Creech Jones said that arrangements are now being completed for the despatch of the full survey equipment and staff in January.

Reminded that the matter had been discussed for the last three years and that air traffic through Hong Kong is the third highest of any airport in the world, and could earn valuable dollars, he said that the problem is one of great complexity because of security, defence and finance questions, all of which have to be settled before such progress is made.

He gave an assurance that "the wheels are now going round." —Reuters.

"GUARDIAN" ON INDO-CHINA

Manchester, December 14.

The Liberal "Manchester Guardian" today discussed the problem of Indo-China.

It declared that nobody supposed that France in the immediate future could go as far in the evacuation of Indo-China as was done in Indonesia.

"There is virtually no cadre of Annamite senior civil servants," the paper continued.

"Bao Dai is served by two Annamite Governors of provinces who are distinguished but apart from them he is desperately short of administrators."

"The French will have for a short time to provide civil servants, and also officers for the Vietnam Army."

"The problem is to convince Annamite nationalists that in spite of this they regard Vietnam as a genuinely free State."

"One argument in Paris is that France cannot contemplate the concessions demanded by the Annamites because if it did so it would be faced by similar demands in North Africa and Indo-China."

Grand Obstacle

"But France might consider whether its interests would not be better served if Vietnam ceased to be part of the French Union and instead became a State in intimate treaty alliance with France."

A grand obstacle to a restoration of concord between Annamites and the French is that nearly all nationalist Asia outside Indo-China feels hostile to Bao Dai, and therefore, has some sympathy for Ho Chi-minh even though it dislikes his alleged Communist connections.

"This nationalist feeling in Asia is one of the strongest forces governing events."

"Bao Dai's survival depends as much on gaining the esteem of non-Communist Asia as on winning support in Vietnam." —Reuters.

BURMA AND RED CHINA

Rangoon, December 14.

The Burmese Foreign Minister, U. E. Maung, said today the Burmese Government is working out certain formalities connected with recognition of Communist China.

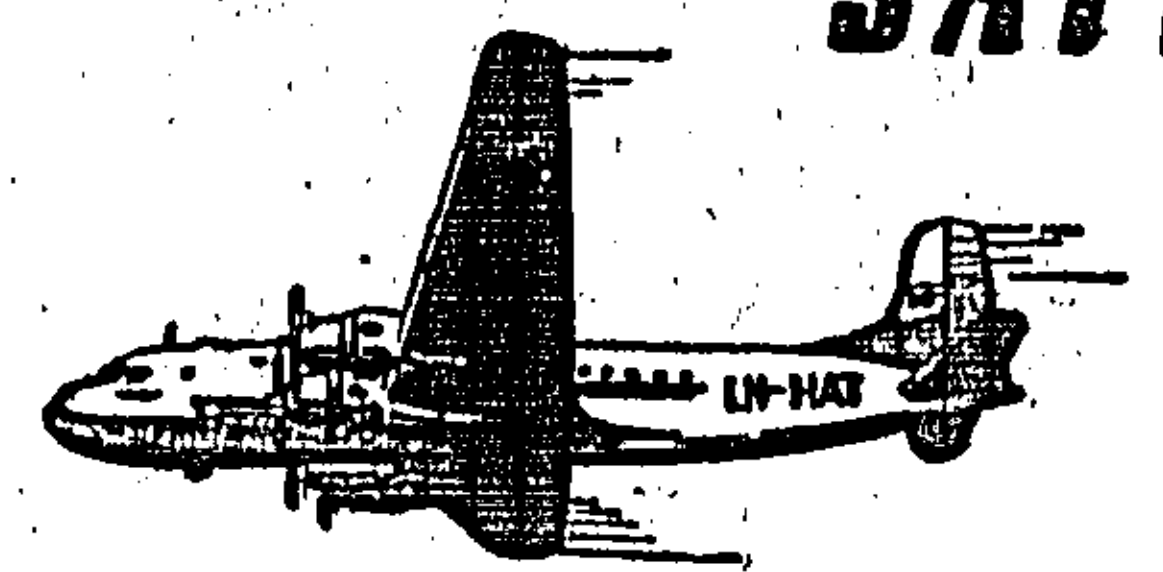
He said efforts to obtain a friendly understanding with the Soviet Union to date have not brought results.

Mr. Maung said Russia had not responded to a Burmese communication suggesting the exchange of diplomatic representatives with the Soviet Union. The note had also proposed a Burmese goodwill mission to Moscow.

The Foreign Minister declared that the Government is certain that there are no retracting Chinese Nationalists in the immediate neighbourhood of the China-Burma border.

He said Burma will stand by a decision to treat under international law any Nationalists seeking sanctuary inside Burmese territory. That means they would be detained and interned. —Associated Press.

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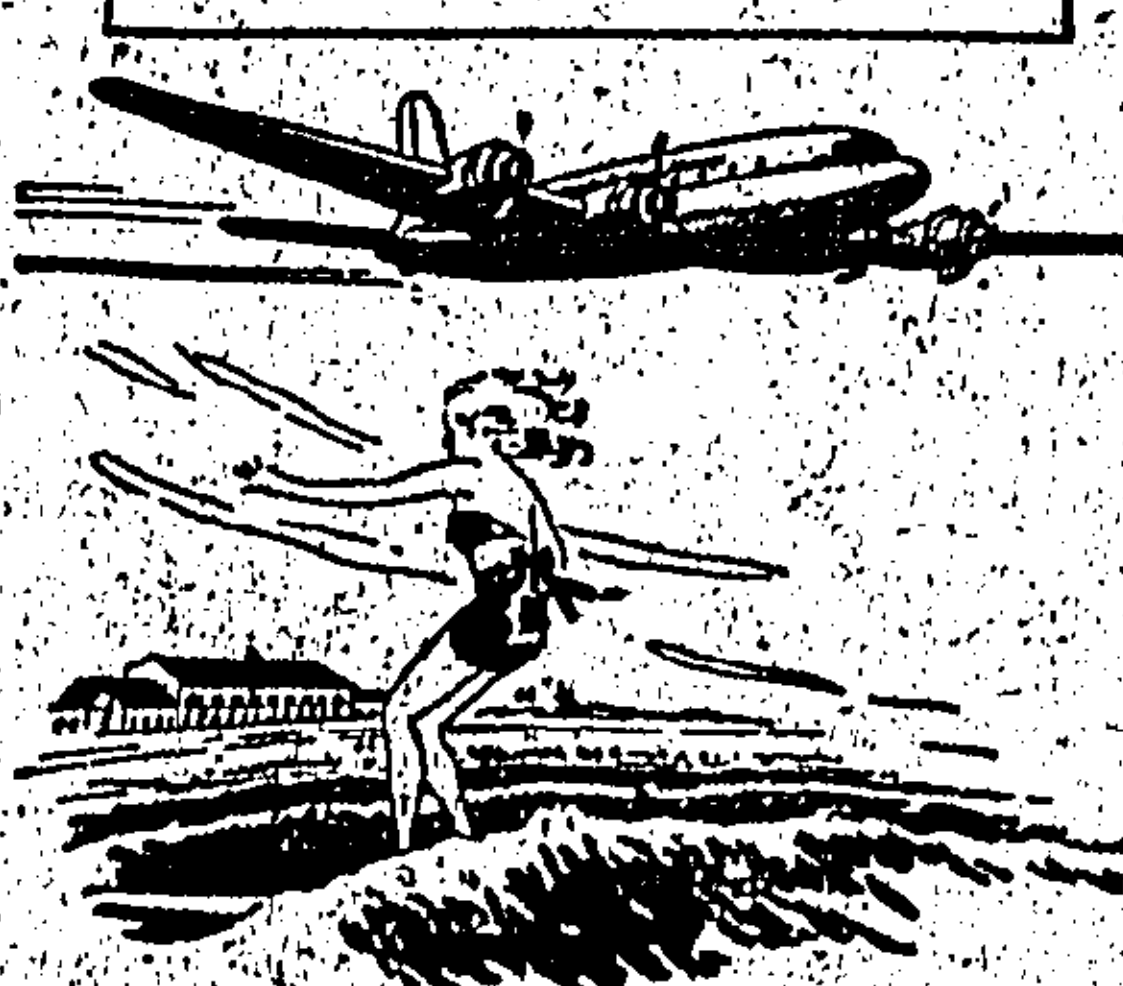
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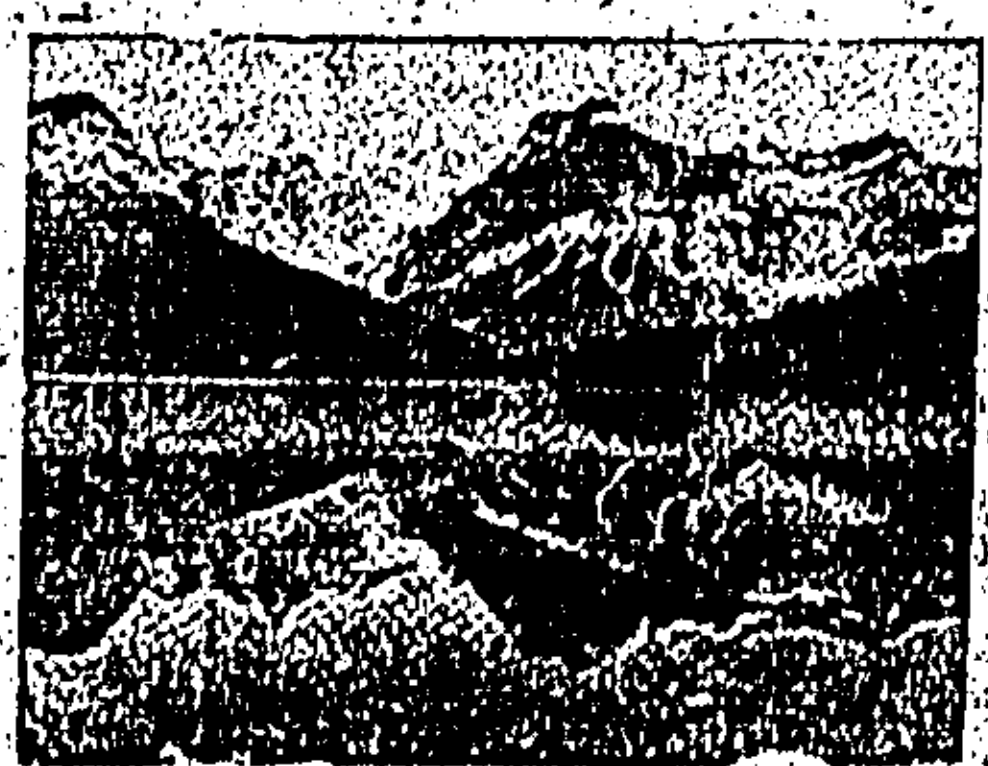
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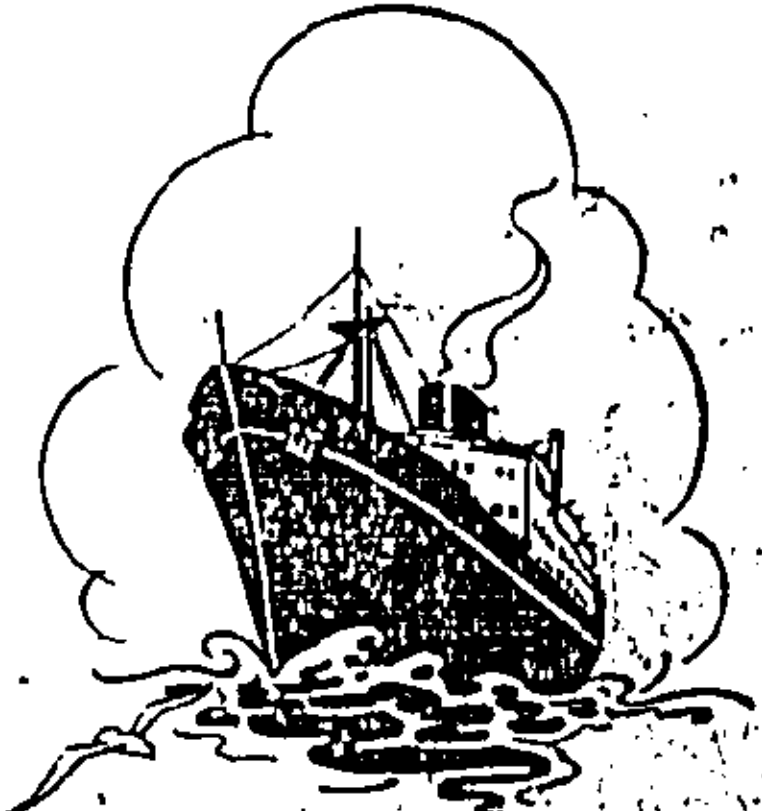
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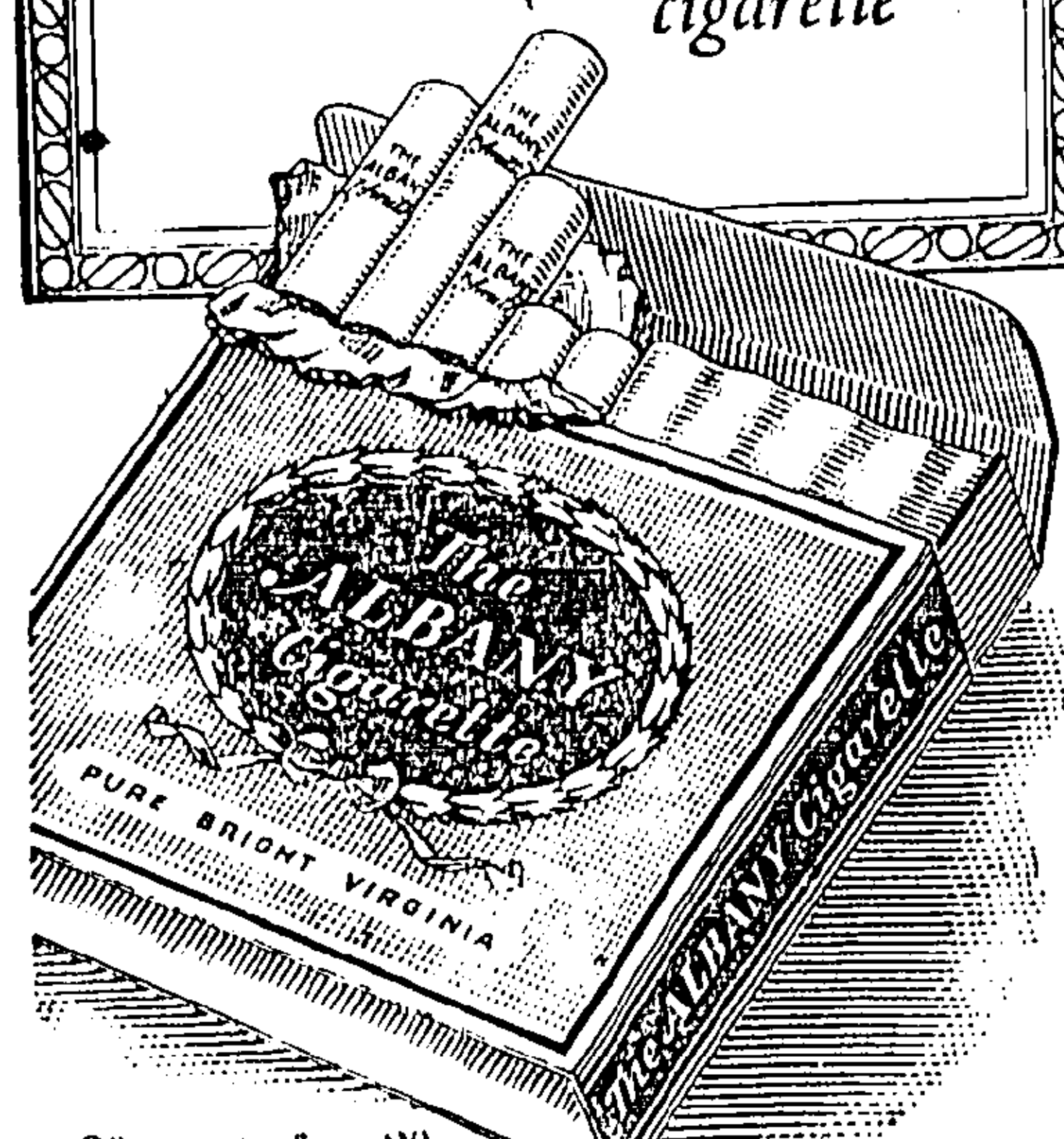
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VYSHINSKY ON BERLIN VISIT

Berlin, December 14.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Foreign Minister, today interrupted his journey from Paris to Moscow to pay the East German Republic the first State visit it has received since its formation.

That it was primarily a visit to the East German Government and not to the Soviet Control Commission was emphasised by the fact that he was met at the airport by the three Deputy Premiers and a guard of honour of the East German police, and not by Soviet officials.

German sources close to the Soviet Control Commission stated today that Mr. Vyshinsky is unlikely to stay for more than 24 hours in Berlin, and may leave early tomorrow morning.

The same sources reported that during his short stay the Soviet Foreign Minister is expected to call on the East German Premier, Herr Otto Grotewohl, who is at present in a Soviet military hospital.

Such a visit will kill rumours which have been current that Herr Grotewohl, who is officially stated to be recovering from influenza, had actually been purged.

Many observers regard Mr. Vyshinsky's visit as a counterpoint to the visit paid by Mr. Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, to the West German Government at Bonn just a month ago.

Hundreds of East sector police lined the Unter den Linden and halted all other traffic to let the official party pass.

Heavy Guard

The convoy was headed by three open police squad cars jammed with German police carrying carbines, and the rear was brought up by a closed jeep full of Russian military police. Mr. Vyshinsky travelled in a huge black Soviet-made car, flanked by six black-uniformed People's Police on motorcycles. Crowds watching the procession were silent, and a group of factory workers who had been discussing what slogan to shout as Mr. Vyshinsky went past were taken by surprise by the convoy and had no time to shout anything at all.

Mr. Vyshinsky's route plan did not take him through the Western sectors of Berlin.

The People's Police of Eastern Berlin had all walking-out leave cancelled so that they could turn out in full force to man the streets. Even the clerks in the press office were called out on outside duty.—Reuter.

WARD ON SPY TRIAL IN MUKDEN

Aboard Lakeland

Victory, December 14.

Safely out of Chinese Communist waters, the U.S. Consul-General, Mr. Angus Ward, said today the "spy trial" at Mukden that ended with his deportation order was "curiously interesting".

He denied that his consulate in Mukden ever served as a spy headquarters as the Reds charged.

The Lakeland Victory left Tokyo Bay at noon today and is due on Friday at Pusan, Korea. On Sunday or Monday it will dock at either at Kobe or Yokohama, Japan, with Mr. Ward and his staff.

Mr. Ward's deportation order from Red China came in a verbatim handed down by a Mukden criminal court which was trying eight Japanese and Chinese on charges of being American spies. They got prison terms ranging from two to four years each.

The decree said they had been used by an American intelligence unit in Mukden and that headquarters was in the Consulate. It said this "endangered the national welfare of the People's Republic in China" and ordered Mr. Ward and his staff to be deported.

Mr. Ward said his Consulate had no connection with the intelligence group. He pointed out that on the basis of the "evidence" the Reds produced it must have been able to operate "freely in military and political fields, a possible indication that the Reds security measures were not developed."

"The seemingly mild sentences given the convicted men, especially in view of the political accusations made against them, were also curious since similar charges against defendants before courts in other Red countries have brought death verdicts," Mr. Ward said.

The Vice-Consul, Mr. William Stokes, was forced to attend the trial as an observer. He said the accused were not allowed counsel.

Mr. Ward, who was imprisoned at the time on a charge of beating a Chinese temple guard, said he thinks the Reds forced Mr. Stokes to observe the trial so they could say a senior member of the American Consulate who was "not a criminal" was present at the hearings.—Associated Press.

Biggest Cuts In Army Expenditure

London, December 14.

The Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, told the House of Commons today that the £12,500,000 cut in Britain's defence expenditure this year, recently announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, would be made as follows:

War Office—£5,500,000.
Air Ministry—£6,000,000.
Admiralty—£1,000,000.

The savings would be made by having somewhat lower uniform strengths and some reductions in the provision for civilians and for works and stores, he added.

These would be genuine savings on programmes which would otherwise have had to be paid for.—Reuter.

HOLY CITY CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

Jerusalem, December 14.

Jerusalem paused for only 30 seconds today to become the seat of the Israel Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion, arrived in the city just before noon without any ceremony. It is a 90-minute drive from Tel Aviv, where the Israel Government has been temporarily situated since the establishment of the State on May 15, 1948. No official welcome or fanfare was arranged for today's transfer of the Prime Minister's office to Jerusalem. As the shiny black Cadillac with a motorcycle and jeep escort drove through the busy streets, crowds applauded.

The Prime Minister and his party drove to the Eden Hotel where the State flag was hoisted, and began an informal conference with Ministers and permanent officials.

Today's move signalled the transfer of the Israel Government departments to Jerusalem which has been going on quietly ever since peace was restored to the city. The Prime Minister's is the seventh Government Ministry to have its headquarters in Jerusalem.

Residents of the city as well as the Israel Government have always regarded Jerusalem as the capital, while Tel Aviv has been only the temporary Government seat.

Today's move nevertheless, coming immediately after the UN decision to internationalise Jerusalem, is regarded seriously as it is fully realised that "powerful forces have been set in motion by the Assembly's decision" to use the words of today's editorial in the "Palestine Post".

The paper says: "These forces do not lie swept aside by a political declaration alone on the part of Israel" and concludes, "Today's courageous move by the Israel Government comes as a great relief but it is only a first step and it will need to be determined and well-considered action in future to protect it against all outside intervention."—Associated Press.

New York, December 13.

Business failures declined to 191 in the week ended December 8 from 221 in the previous week and compared with 122 in the corresponding week of 1948. Bankruptcies in the United States involving liabilities of \$5,000 or more numbered 134 last week.—Associated Press.

THE SOFIA TRIALS: KOSTOV GETS DEATH

Sofia, December 14.

Traicho Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, was today sentenced to death by the Bulgarian Supreme Court which had been trying him on treason charges.

Life imprisonment sentences were imposed on Nikolas Natchev, former Vice-President of the State Economic and Financial Committee; Ivan Cevrenov, former director of the rubber industry; Ivan Tutev, former chief of foreign trade; and Nikolas Pavlov, former Minister for Reconstruction.

Other sentences passed:—Toslu Tanchev, former Governor of the Bulgarian National Bank, 15 years' imprisonment; Blagol Hadzhanov, former Counsellor of the Yugoslav Embassy in Sofia, 15 years' imprisonment.

Boris Krstov, former Commercial Counsellor in Moscow, 15 years; Vasil Ivanovski, former President of the Macedonian Cultural Society in Belgrade, 12 years; Ilya Ertizhev, a former official, eight years.

The trial opened on December 7 with a surprise plea of "not guilty" by Kostov. The other accused all pleaded "guilty."

Set Up Tito

A 20,000-word indictment accused Kostov of plotting against the present Bulgarian regime with the British, United States and Yugoslav intelligence services and with Yugoslav military aid. It was also alleged that he tried to arrest and assassinate the late Bulgarian Prime Minister, Georgi Dimitrov, and that he had been instrumental in leading Marshal Tito to power.

Kostov, aged 52, short and bespectacled, pleaded guilty to anti-Soviet activities and "lack of vigilance" in his official position which enabled "agents" to infiltrate into the Party and State apparatus.

He said that he realised that his entire attitude to the Soviet Union had been influenced by "individualism and personal ambition impermissible for a leader in a Bolshevik Party."

Denies Spying

But Kostov denied the other charges including one accusing him of capitulating to Bulgarian Fascists in 1942 and another that he spied for British intelligence and plotted with Yugoslav leaders to set up an anti-Soviet Balkan Federation.

Stephanov, a tall, heavily built man, told the Court that he had been a British agent inside the Communist movement for more than half of his 30 years' career as a Communist.

In their final pleas to the Court yesterday Kostov was the only one of the accused to claim innocence.

He denied briefly and without emotion charges of espionage and conspiracy but made no attempt to refute any charges or the testimonies of his fellow accused which they repeated against him in their final statements.—Reuter.

PEASANT RIOTS IN ITALY

Bari, December 14.

Five were injured today in a clash with the police at Montescaleglio, town of 8,000 people 40 miles South of Bari, during peasant agitation for land reforms.

Fifteen demonstrators were arrested. Police were rushed to the town from Bari.

At Gravina, about 2,000 farm hands invaded privately-owned land and large forces were used to maintain order.

Several were also reported to have been wounded at Matera, Southern Italy, in a clash between police and peasants attempting to seize unoccupied land.—Associated Press.

Air Crash Victims Found

Karachi, December 14.

Most of the bodies of the 28 persons killed in a Dakota air crash 45 miles North of Karachi on Monday night were found by search parties scattered in the desert.

The bodies of two Pakistan Army officers, Major-General Sher Khan and Major-General Iftikhar Khan, will be buried on Thursday in Karachi with full military honours.

Other identified bodies were handed over to relations, and the body of Shafiq el Khatib, leader of the Egyptian delegation to the International Islamic Conference in Karachi, was brought to the Egyptian Embassy in Karachi.

An official at the Egyptian Embassy said today that the body of the late Sayed Shafiq el Khatib is being flown on Thursday to Cairo by special plane. The deceased's brother, Hussam el Khatib, who is First Secretary at the Egyptian Embassy in Pakistan, is accompanying him.

The bodies of the other four Arab delegates will be buried in Karachi on Thursday. The respective Governments of these delegates have been consulted. It was stated in Karachi.—Associated Press.

What Ex-Pow's Think Of The Japanese

Melbourne, December 15.

Mr. Norman Cohen, Secretary of the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Association, said here today that the only way to train a Japanese was to "catch him in the cradle."

He was commenting on General Douglas MacArthur's reported statement that he thought the Japanese could now be trusted. "Does MacArthur think he's Mandrake (the wizard)?" Mr. Cohen asked. "When we were prisoners of war we saw the Japanese training their children to kill. MacArthur has been there five minutes."

Mr. J. C. Neagle, Federal Secretary of the Australian Returned Servicemen's League, declared: "Never in a million years will we trust them."

Leaders of other ex-servicemen's associations expressed similar views.—Reuter.

CZECH DENIAL

Paris, December 14.

The Czech Embassy denied today reports that members of the Czech Consulate in Marseilles have resigned.

The Marseilles newspaper "La France" said the members resigned when ordered to return to Prague and had asked for French police protection.

The French News Agency, which distributed "La France's" story, later quoted Czech Consulate officials in Marseilles as also denying the reports.—Associated Press.

RIFF CHIEF THREATENS TROUBLE

Cairo, December 14.

Abdel Krim El Khattabi, the veteran Riff leader, in his first public address since his exile 24 years ago, declared here today that the peoples of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia are ready to resume their armed struggle for independence if peaceful attempts fail to solve the North African problem soon.

The 60-year-old Emir Abdel Krim, who sought refuge in Egypt two years ago when on his way to France from exile in Reunion Island, was inaugurating the annual session of the International Relations Club of the American University in Cairo.

The veteran North African warrior advocated a rapprochement between France, Spain and North Africa to avoid open revolt.

The Emir called on the youths of the world to unite regardless of religion, language or race against imperialism.

The Riff leader fought against France and Spain from 1921 to 1926 and ended 24 years of exile in 1947. He was reported to have placed himself at King Farouk's disposal last year as "a soldier for any duties to save Palestine."—Reuter.

MINISTRY FIRE

Paris, December 14.

Military papers of only minor importance were destroyed in a fire which today gutted a storehouse of the War Ministry, the French News Agency said.

Despite first reports, the Agency said, archives of the two world wars were not destroyed. The archives were in an adjoining building which was not touched by the flames.—Associated Press.

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PROGRESS OF ARMS AID NEGOTIATIONS

JAPANESE TEXTILES A THREAT

Montreal, December 14.
A Canadian industrialist today indicated that the United States had done little to improve the low living standards in Japan, thus threatening the world markets with a flood of cheap goods.

He gave this indication while warning the Canadian cotton industry to stay on its toes to meet foreign competition, especially the Japanese. In effect, delegates to the annual meeting of the Cotton Institute of Canada were told that the pre-war label "Made in Japan," which belatedly low prices had made a swift comeback.

Mr. W. S. Burrill, President of the Institute, said that vigorous measures must be taken against a flood of Japanese textiles on the Canadian market at a little more than the raw material costs.

He said, "No longer is any control being exercised by the occupation power over the volume or price of Japanese exports. The social and economic measures which were to have been taken in Japan to correct pre-war conditions of labour and the excessively low standards of living have apparently not yet been effective. Already we are finding the prices of Japanese textiles on this market at levels which represent a little more than our raw material costs. This is a problem against which vigorous measures must be taken."

Mr. Burrill indicated that the industry would ask for import controls to protect itself.

He said, "Our industry faces difficulties of which the most serious is the type of import competition which is based on price levels."

He said the use of cotton textiles in Canada is now about 35 per cent above the pre-war levels. However, the volume has gone up only about 16 per cent, indicating that Canada is supplying less of the total Canadian demand than before the war, United Press.

JANE WYMAN BEST ACTRESS

London, December 14.
Jane Wyman's portrayal of a deaf mute girl in "Johnny Belinda" was voted the best film acting of the year in an annual poll of exhibitors conducted by the "Kinematograph Weekly."

The British film trade magazine announced the results today.

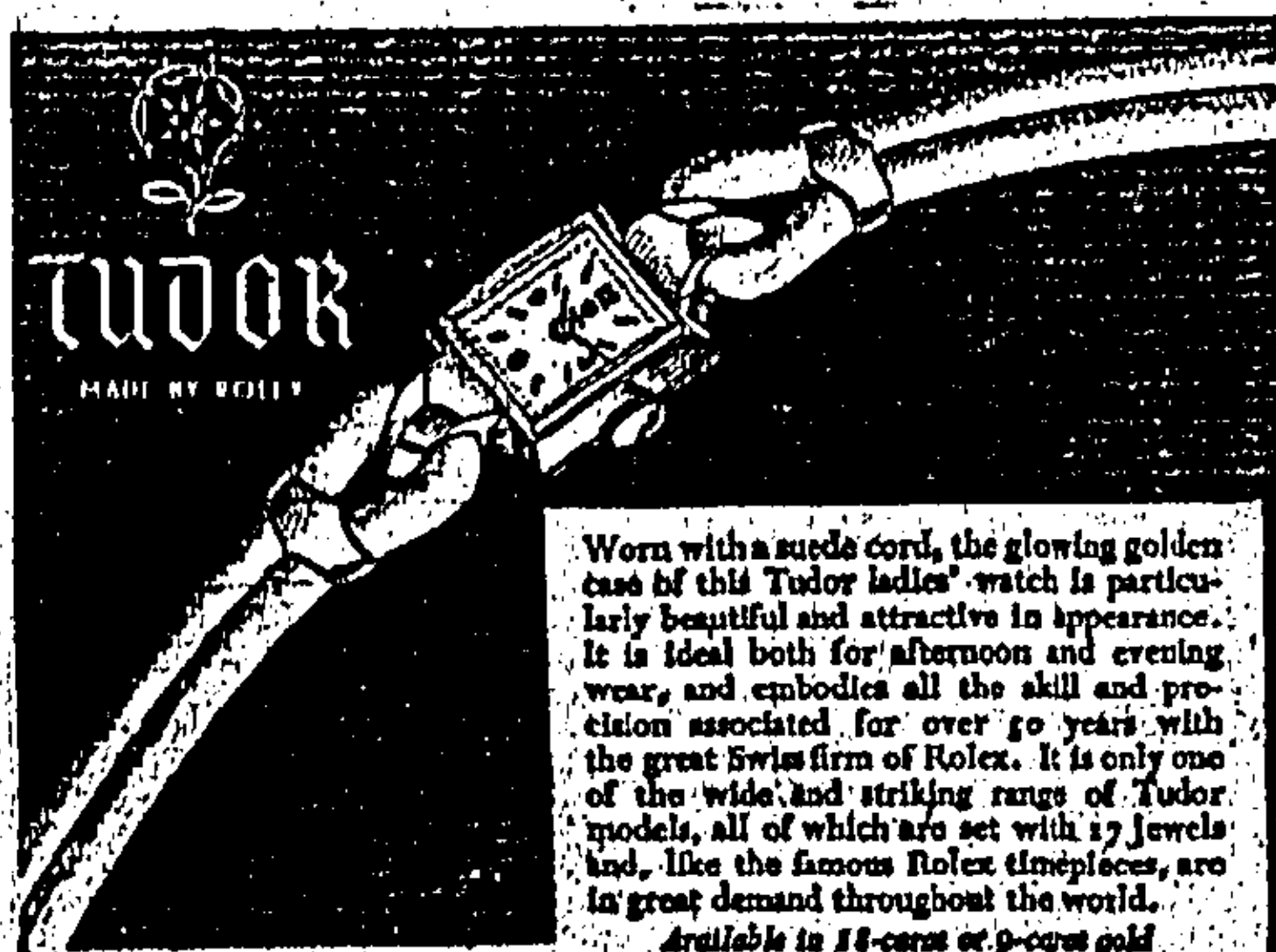
"Johnny Belinda" was also picked as the second most popular picture of the year with British audiences. Top place went to the British film "The Third Man."

Alan Ladd was the most popular star with comedian Danny Kaye a close second.

Montgomery Clift was selected the most promising newcomer for his work in "Red River." Associated Press.

Frestown, December 14.
Sir John Lucie-Smith, the Chief Justice of Sierra Leone, who was shot in his house here on Saturday night, is stated today to be making satisfactory progress, —Reuter.

TUDOR PRESENTS FEMININE ELEGANCE IN GOLD AND SUEDE



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PRECISION—WEDDED
TO ELEGANCE.

Washington, December 14.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today said that the negotiations on the arms aid bilateral agreement are making excellent progress, and should be completed in a short time.

He told a Press conference that all substantial questions have been resolved, and that the negotiators are in the drafting stage.

He added it was evident that they have not bogged down.

Meanwhile, the British ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, called on Mr. Acheson, and officials hinted that the final settlement of the bilateral treaty with Britain would probably follow.

A British spokesman said: "Any reservations we may have won't detract from our determination to carry out the North Atlantic treaty." This was the first statement indicating British treaty "reservations" elsewhere.

It is reported that Britain and France are displeased by the U. S. insistence that arms shipped to these nations should remain within the North Atlantic area, and should not be used to replace other arsenals elsewhere.

Both countries have military commitments in Asia—Britain in Hong Kong and Malaya, and France in Indo-China—which, they believe, are essential to maintaining world peace.

A French official said on behalf of arms aid to Assam: "If Indo-China is allowed to go Communist, the repercussions will certainly be felt in Europe."

Other objections have also been reported. It is understood that Denmark for one, complained about the size of the proposed U. S. military missions in Europe. Diplomatic points out that these large U. S. missions might give Russia ground for another propaganda attack upon the West.

The actual wording of the United States drafts for the proposed bilateral arms treaties remains secret, but U. S. officials said that the terms will follow the general lines laid down in the military aid legislation, in which Congress stipulated that the arms should be used only for the mutual defence of Atlantic Pact nations.

It provided that they could not be transferred to any other nation or area without the specific approval of the United States.

Mr. Acheson first denied, and then confirmed that the United States and her Atlantic Pact allies are still disputing over the conditions for sending U. S. arms aid to Europe.

Mr. Acheson had denied any reference that the negotiations covering the terms for sending arms aid to Europe have hit some snags.

Statement Reversed

He reversed himself after an hour-long conference with the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, on difficulties that have cropped up during the negotiations in progress since November 3.

The reversal was contained in a statement issued by the State Department on Mr. Acheson's behalf.

The statement said: "In answer to questions, the Secretary of State said he thought all questions of substance on the Military Aid Programme bilateral agreements had been resolved and that we were now in the drafting stage. He wishes to correct this statement in the light of later knowledge. There are still some questions of substance which are under consideration, and which will take further discussion to resolve."

Sir Oliver acknowledged that the pair discussed "one or two matters arising out of the bilateral negotiations on the Military Aid Programme," but said he could not comment on Mr. Acheson's statement. —United Press.

Slump On Tokyo Stock Exchange

Tokyo, December 15.
The drop in Japanese Share prices yesterday, emphasising a steady decline since last August, plunged the stock market into the deepest gloom since Japan's surrender.

With Mitsubishi chemicals dropping ¥120 for a record single decline in any major share, the Tokyo Security Market reported a general decline in what had been regarded as "safe" stocks.

Officials of the Finance Ministry called an emergency meeting yesterday afternoon, but no concrete counter-measures have developed. Following the conference, the Finance Minister, Mr. Hayato Ikeda, declared that there was no need for worry because the drop affected only high-priced shares.

The Securities Transaction Commission yesterday ordered all exchanges throughout the country to tighten down on share transactions all stock certificates must be received at the time the order for the sale of listed shares is placed, and the date for delivery of unstated shares must be fixed and failure to carry out the terms will be severely punished.

Japanese newspapers this morning reported that all banks and insurance companies had begun buying up shares to check the downward trend.

Among the leaders affected by the decline were Nihon Beer Company, Mitsubishi Department Stores, marine insurance shares and food stocks.

The record drop of ¥120 in Mitsubishi chemicals brought the price of these shares down to ¥630 from the high of ¥1,130 on August 26. —Reuter.

TELEVISION BUT NO AUDIENCE

Vatican City, December 14.
The opening ceremony of the Holy Year will be televised this Christmas Eve for the first time in history—but only a handful of people will see it.

A high-power television transmitter with a 100-mile radius has just arrived in Rome as a gift from French Catholics to the Pope. But Italy has no television net work so it will be impossible for the transmissions to be relayed outside the country. —Reuter.

NEW DOGMA TO BE PROCLAIMED

Vatican City, December 14.
High Vatican sources said that Pope Pius has decided to proclaim on December 8, 1950 the dogma of the Bodily Assumption of the Virgin Mary to Heaven.

The source indicated that the Pope had hoped to declare the new dogma—the first of the 20th century—on August 15, 1950, the feast day of the Assumption, but the necessity of completing arrangements made that date impossible. —United Press.

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PI Patrol Of Coastline

Manila, December 14.
Informal official sources said that the Philippine Naval Patrol plans to establish shortly a patrol force of at least 17 ships, in order to guard the coastlines more effectively.

The Naval Patrol is being used to prevent the illegal entry of aliens, and to nab smugglers, in addition to fulfilling duties as an integral part of the armed forces.

Naval Patrol ships took part in the recent operations against Moro outlaws in Sulu. The proposed patrol force will be divided into squadrons assigned to the various parts of the archipelago. It is understood that an Annapolis graduate, Commander Carlos Albert, now aide to President Quirino, may command the patrol force. —United Press.

PI GOLD INDUSTRY WORRIED

Manila, December 15.
Mining sources today expressed the fear that the Central Bank order subjecting all gold transactions here to licensing might lead to virtual killing of the Philippine gold mining industry.

The licensing order was apparently aimed at discouraging not eliminating the free market for gold here—it provides that all persons or firms who possess gold bull deposit it with the Central Bank and that gold disposed for domestic use or export must be subject to licence.

Mining sources feared that gold producers might find it difficult to continue operations if the free market is abolished, in view of high production costs. They said that, unless most producers are able to continue marketing gold at more than the official world price of US\$35 an ounce, they may have to close down.

The Central Bank does not compel gold dealers to sell at \$35, but producers fear that buyers are not likely to continue buying unless they can hold the metal themselves.

Despite the Central Bank order, it is reported that the black market gold price had risen to US\$58, from a previous maximum of \$57. The black market rate for the U.S. dollar—legally equivalent to two pesos—shot up to 2.80 pesos from 2.22.

The Central Bank issued a supplementary circular regarding exchange control, exempting from licensing sales by authorised banks of drafts and cable transfers in amounts not exceeding \$50, provided not more than one sale is made to any purchaser in any calendar month. —United Press.

LONDON FRACAS

London, December 14.
Communist members of the powerful Transport and General Workers Union stormed its headquarters, Transport House, tonight to try and protest to the Executive against its ban of Communist holding office in the Union.

Police dragged some 150 demonstrators out of the building and placed a guard on it before the men could get up the stairs to reach the Committee. —Reuter.

Heavy Fines In Diamond Case

London, December 14.
Penalties of £281,175 and two prison sentences were imposed today in the Tangier diamonds case.

A British firm and two of its officials in the case were accused of customs evasion and illegal export of gems.

The case arose out of allegations by the Board of Trade that Britain lost dollars by rough diamonds, worth £275,274, being sent to Tangier, where they could be bought by New York diamond merchants at a cheaper rate in dollars—instead of being sent direct to America.

The firm, I. Haining and Company, was ordered to pay fines and costs amounting to £137,500. George Frederick Frins, a director of the firm, was gaoled for nine months and ordered to pay penalties totalling £137,100. Harry Brooke, a manager of the company, was sent to prison for six months and ordered to pay penalties amounting to £2,625.

Hennig, A. G. Parker Incorporated of New York and London, the International Bank of Tangier and London, and Harry Winston Incorporated of New York and London, were summoned to show cause why certain parcels of diamonds—seized by customs men at the General Post Office in London—should not be confiscated.

To Appeal

They failed to do so and a condemnation order was made in respect of the diamonds seized by the authorities. This means that the diamonds will be forfeited.

Notice of appeal against the sentences and against the condemnation order was given.

The International Bank of Tangier and the two New York firms yesterday claimed in court three lots of diamonds which had been detained. There were no criminal summonses against the bank or the American firms.

One of the witnesses called by the defendants, Mr. F. A. Mathias, wartime Diamond Controller in Britain, the magistrate recalled, seemed to say that if the defendants were convicted on these charges the diamond industry would be destroyed and that Britain would lose dollars amounting to (£42,000,000) a year. —Reuter.

Nice, December 14.
Ex-King Michael of Rumania and his wife, Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, left Villefranche, near here today, for Florence by car. —Reuter.

INDIA TO IMPORT COTTON

New Delhi, December 14.
India has decided to allocate foreign exchange immediately for the import of 800,000 bales of cotton from various countries including hard currency areas to meet the cotton shortage.

A Press note announcing this said that of this quantity 22,000 bales had already been secured from East Africa by bulk purchases jointly with the United Kingdom Raw Materials Commission.

The note gave India's annual imports of approximately 600,000 bales—imports from Pakistan.

The expected domestic crop is understood to be about 2,800,000 bales of which 200,000 have been earmarked for export.

Carry-over stocks with Indian mills were estimated at 1,300,000 bales and with the proposed increase of imports of about 200,000 bales it was stated here that there should be no immediate anxiety regarding the supply position.

If the export target of 800,000 yards of cotton is exceeded more cotton, it was understood, would be allowed to be imported. —Reuter.

EQUAL EDUCATION DISPUTE

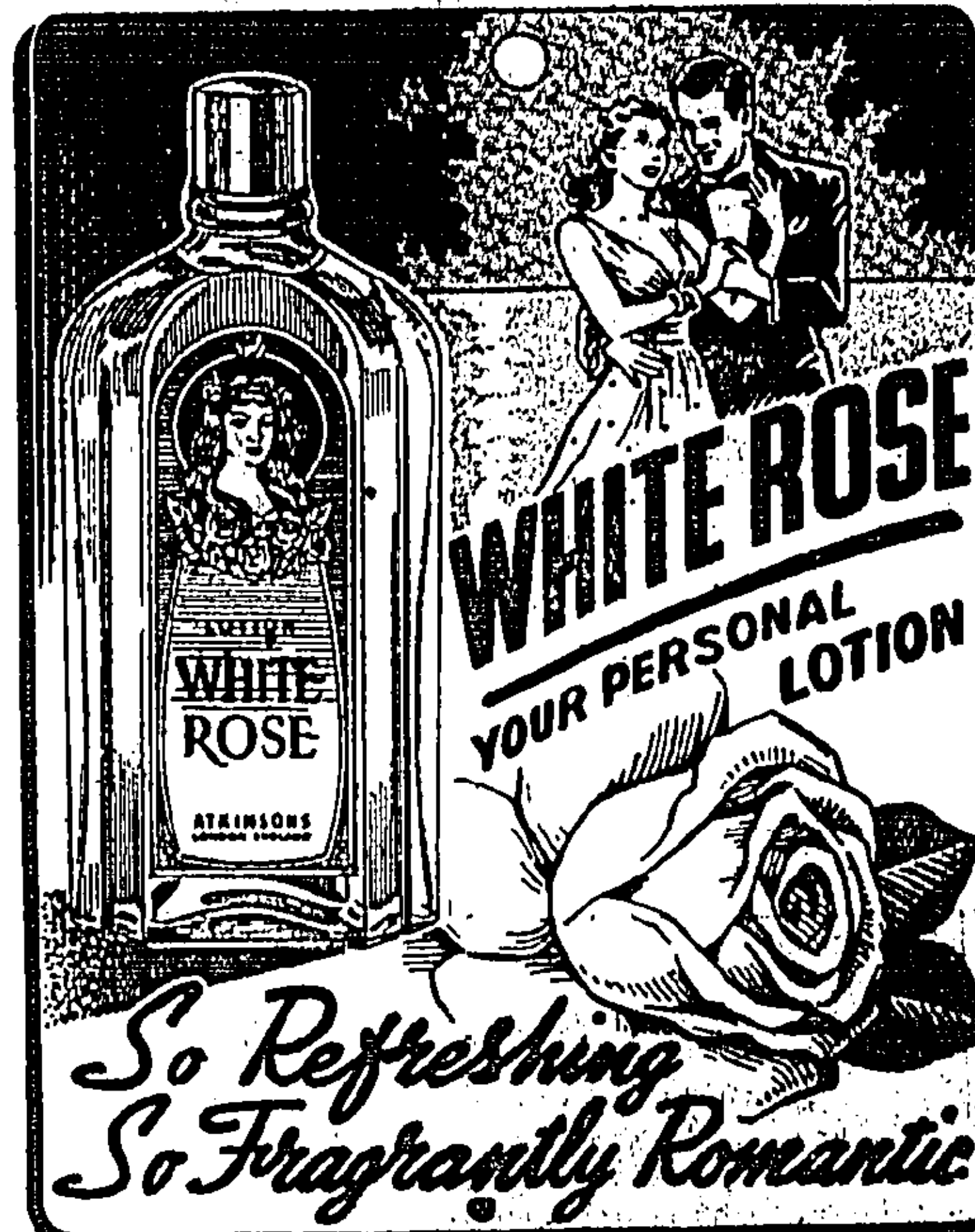
London, December 14.

Mr. Hector Hughes, Labour, asked in the House Commons today on what grounds the British delegation to the United Nations General Assembly voted against equal education for children of all races in non-self-governing territories.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, replied that the vote was not cast against the principle of equal education as such. A vote in favour would have implied an admission that the United Nations had a locus standi for interfering in British colonial administration in a way which the United Nations Charter did not, in fact, support, he said. —Reuter.

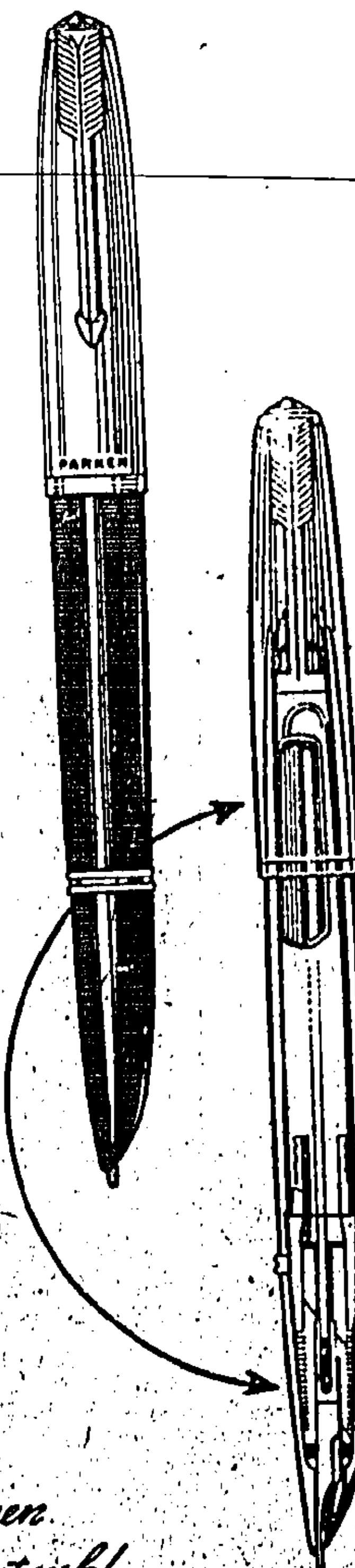


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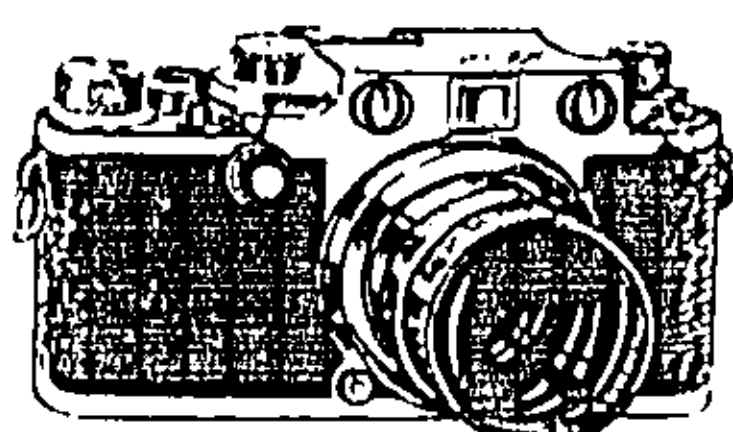
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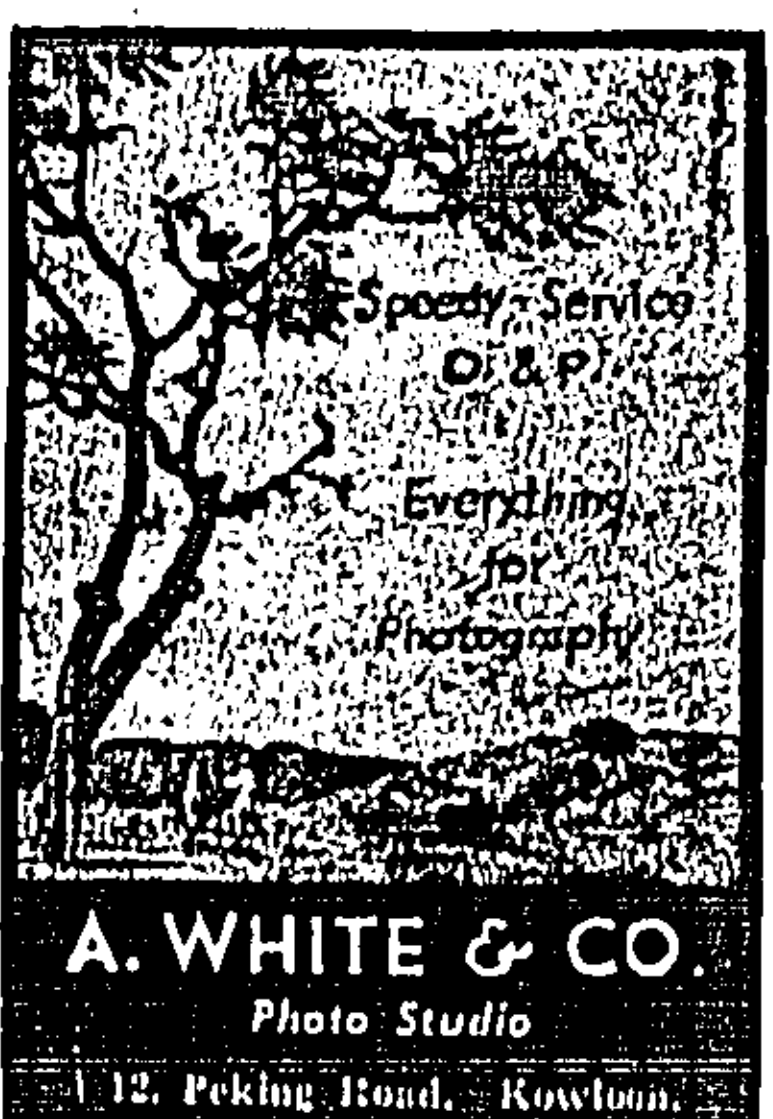
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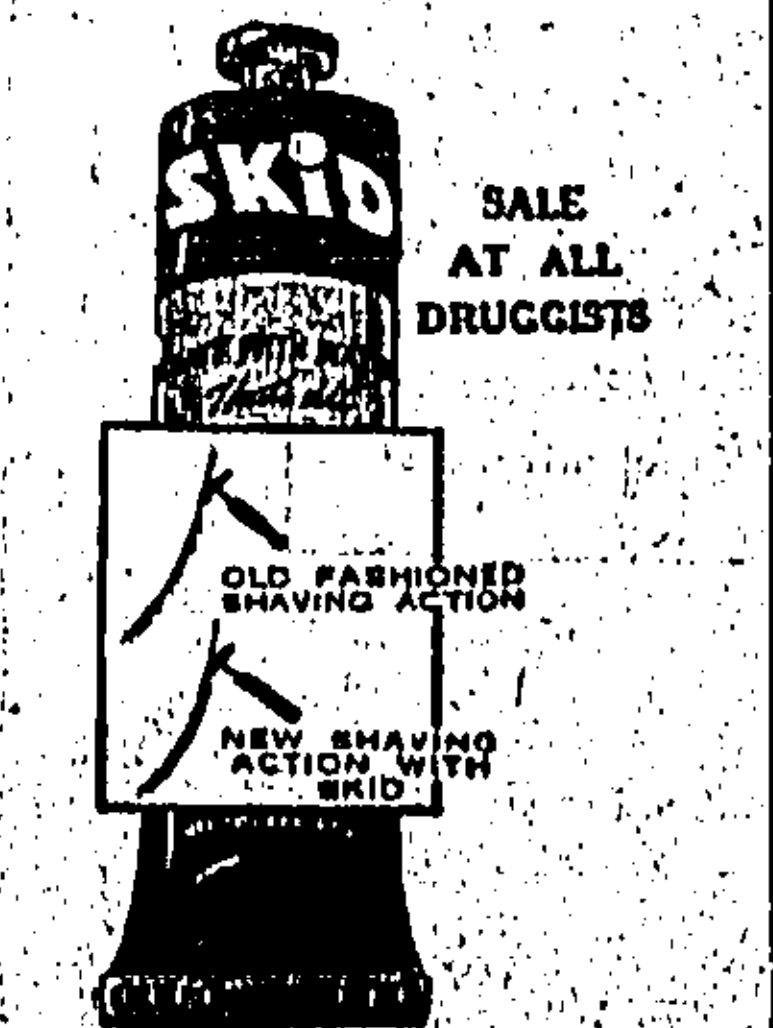


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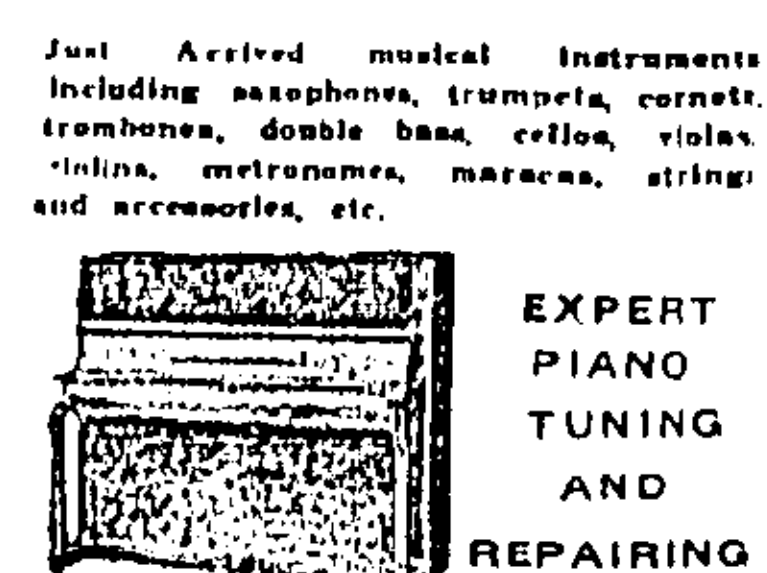
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Purge Starts In Eastern Germany

Berlin, December 14.

The official newspaper of the East German Communist Party today called for a purge of Titoists in the Soviet zone amid reports that action had already begun.

"Neues Deutschland" said: "We ourselves must take up the ideological and political fight against those elements which want to infect Europe with their Fascist policy."

Commenting on the Sofia trial of the former Bulgarian deputy premier, Tsvetko Kostov, the newspaper said: "The Tito Fascists on the soil of the German Democratic Republic also attempted to develop their subversive activities and disturb law and order. But the people's police and the Democratic Magistrat (Executive Council) of the German capital adopted measures to halt the Tito Fascists here."

This was a reference to the expulsion from Soviet-occupied Germany of the Yugoslav Military Mission. However, the newspaper said, this action is not sufficient, and it called for an "ideological and political fight."

The German news service DPA said that Erich Kops, Communist Party chairman in the province of Thuringia, has been dismissed for "Titoism" and failure to crush anti-Soviet tendencies.

Walter Albrecht, East German Deputy Prime Minister, said at a Communist meeting in Saxony, according to the West Berlin newspapers, that the Party "no longer will put up with anti-Communist propaganda."

The American licensed newspaper "Tagesspiegel" said that Premier Otto Grotewohl tried to commit suicide after the Soviet Ambassador, G. M. Pushkin, had charged him with responsibility

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INDONESIAN MP'S IN JOGJAKARTA WALK-OUT

Jogjakarta, December 14.

Thirty Members of the Indonesian Republican Parliament walked out of today's session just before voting on the ratification of the round-table conference agreements reached at The Hague and the provisional Constitution drafted at The Hague for the future Republic of Indonesia.

Out of the 320 Members present, 226 voted for ratification while 62 voted against.

As the Republican Parliamentary procedure does not provide for abstention during voting, the group of 30, led by the 13 members of the Indonesian Socialist Party of the former Prime Minister, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, adopted the course of walking out without voting.

Dr. Sjahrir himself is not a Member of Parliament and is not in Jogjakarta now.

The leader of the Socialist Party in Parliament, Mr. Sobadjo, before walking out, said: "We do not agree with the Government's policy in reaching these agreements at The Hague. We therefore cannot take responsibility for them."

The historic decision ratifying the Hague agreement was taken in the Sultan of Jogjakarta's ancient Durbur Hall, known as Kraton, in the heart of the Republican capital.

By ratifying the agreements the Indonesian Republic, which has been fighting against Dutch suzerainty for the last four years, irrevocably committed itself to work in co-operation with the Dutch for the amelioration of its people.

"Strong Power"

The Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, in his peroration to Parliament today, referred to this and said: "I am convinced that non-cooperation and unwillingness to negotiate and treat with the Dutch would henceforth be greatly disadvantageous to our future. Such a policy would only delay the ushering of an era of prosperity for our people."

Mr. Mohammed Rum, Chairman of the Central Committee which is preparing the future government, declared that with the constitution "we can prove to

the world and to ourselves that a sense of being one people and having one language and one country is a strong and inviolable power."

"We reached our objective only after having traveled an arduous road strewn with obstacles, particularly in the past four and a half years," he said.

Even before the constitution becomes effective, however, the federal structure it envisages shows signs of cracking. Sentiment in East Java, West Java, South Sumatra and the island of Madoera is reported to be swinging in favour of dissolving the Dutch-sponsored Governments in those states and rejoining the Republic.

These are the areas occupied by the Dutch in their first "police action" of 1947. Now the State Governments are showing weaknesses as Dutch troops withdraw. Several members of the Legislatures and civil organisations are openly advocating an end to the State Governments.

Much Agitation

Agitation from Jogjakarta to take over the State Governments also is increasing. When the Republic was first proclaimed for all Indonesia, the leaders had only three states in mind, one embracing East Indonesia and including Dutch New Guinea, another the island of Borneo in the North, and the third including

Carol Singing Racket To Be Stopped

Worcester, December 14.

The police here joined the authorities in Derby and Norwich in a drive to make this a Christmas without carols. They ruled that anyone singing carols in a public place without a permit is liable to a fine of £25 or a three-month prison sentence.

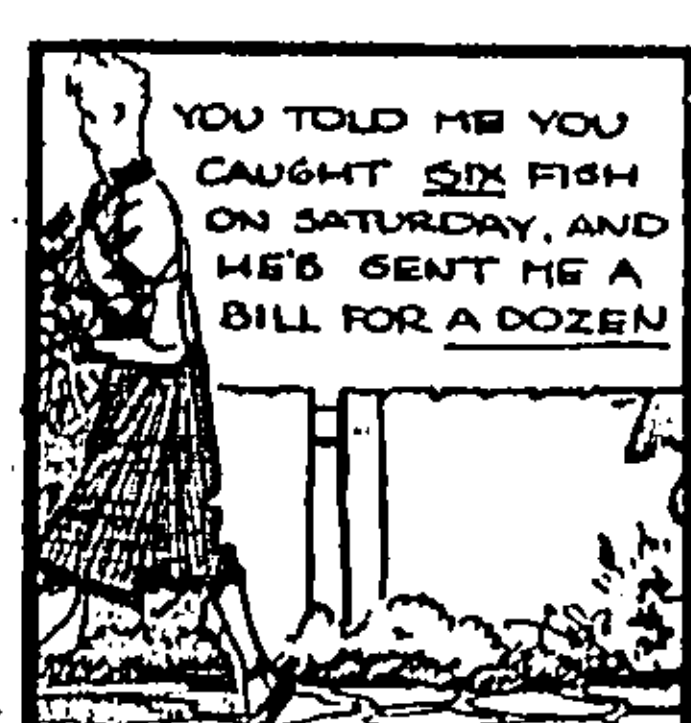
Derby and Norwich made similar decisions last week, saying that most of the singers were just buggers and that carolling had become a racket.—United Press.

Java, Madoera and Sumatra in the West.

New Guinea is not included under the present constitution. It remains under Dutch administration and its final status is to be determined later.

The Indonesian Republic is strong under the provisional constitution in comparison with the other states. The Republic will have one-third of the 160 members of the House of Representatives. Only the Republic has arms to keep law and order. The Republic has almost a monopoly in training leaders and intelligence in the administration of the Government. And finally, it was the Republic which led the actual fight for independence and therefore enjoys the most prestige in the new Indonesia.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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GOLD PRICE INCREASE REJECTED BY COUNCIL

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egorically the suggestion that the United States
increase the price of gold.

N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, December 14.
Trading volume hit the highest
level of the year for the second
consecutive day today. The
stock market was slowly rolling
to a new 1949 peak.

But the action produced only
minor price changes for the most
part. Gains were mostly less
than a point, although a few ran
from one to three points.

Gainers included American
Woolen and Bears Hoebuck, with
General Motors and Bethlehem
Steel unchanged for a little lower.
Volume of trading was nearly
2,500,000 shares—a 13-month
high.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks
70.63; 25 Industrials 107.51; 16
Rails 51.51; 10 Utilities 40.63.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 22 1/2
Alaska Juneau 3
American Can 10 1/2
Smelting 55 1/2
Telephone 140 3/4
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Waterworks 7 1/2

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Barnsdall 6 1/2
Bendix Aviation 30 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 32
Boeing Aircraft 23 1/2
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Canadian Pacific 15
Case 41 1/2
Chrysler 64 1/2
Colgate 43 1/2
Commercial Solvents 10 1/2
Carn Products 67 1/2
Du Pont 61 1/2
Eastman Kodak 46 1/2
General Electric 41 1/2
Molitors 70 1/2
Goodrich 69 1/2
Goodyear 43 1/2
International Harvester 20 1/2
Paper 68 1/2
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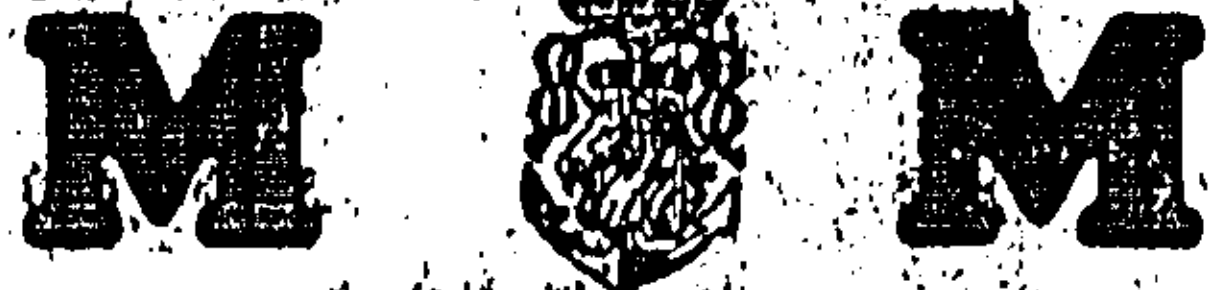
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POAB ex-Bangkok 4 p.m.
HOAC ex-London, Bangkok 4.40 p.m.
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PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu
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p.m. ex-New York via London
Lisbon, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 2.15 p.m.
PAL ex-San Francisco via Honolulu
Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila 10 a.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipei 2.10 p.m.
and 4.15 p.m.

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PAA ex-San Francisco via Honolulu
Midway, Wake, Guam, Manila 1.40
p.m. ex-New York via London
Lisbon, Damascus, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok 2.15 p.m.
POAB ex-Bangkok 4 p.m.
HOAC ex-London, Bangkok 4.40 p.m.
HK AIRWAYS ex-Taipei 5.15 p.m.
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Closing Times by Air
Airmail for USA and Canada, (Reg.) 1 p.m. (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Air Parcels Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
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Closing Times by Sea
Japan, via Incheon, 3 p.m.
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Hongkong, 5 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

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Hongkong, 5 p.m.
Hankow and Peking via Hobei and Straits, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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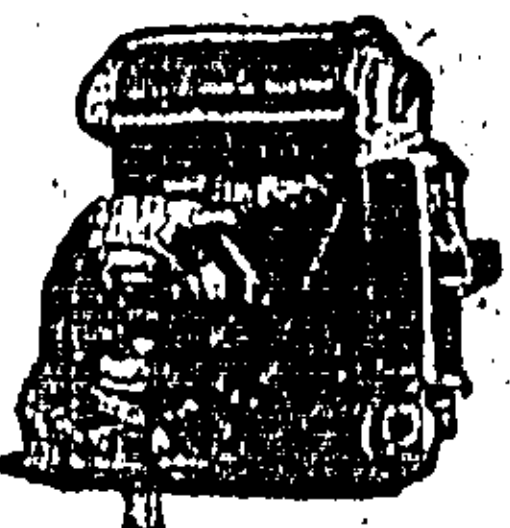
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Tomorrow's Cricket Marks The End Of First Round Of The League Competition

(By "STUMPS")

Tomorrow's cricket will mark the end of the First Round of the First and Second Division League competitions, but there are as yet a number of First Round postponed games in each Division still to be played.

The First Division fixtures over the week-end are all so very interesting that the non-partisan fan will find it somewhat difficult to decide upon which match to see.

Considerable interest will, no doubt, be centred on the games in which the Army, RAF and "Scorpions" are engaged, as all three teams are running neck and neck for honours.

The clash between the undefeated Army XI and Club de Recreo at Soekunpoo should be well worth watching, as there is a possibility that the Portuguese might bring about the Army's downfall.

The Portuguese, after their success of last season, were expected to carry everything before them again this season. In the respect they have failed to come up to expectations and have sadly disappointed their supporters.

They still stand an outside chance of coming out on top but in order to make up lost ground they will have to get down to more serious cricket.

The stiff opposition with which the Portuguese will be opposed tomorrow may serve to bring out the best in them and should this turn out to be the case, the Army will have to look to their laurels.

Royal Navy, who went down to the Indian Recreation Club by 73 runs last week, will be at home to HKCC "Scorpions" at King's Park.

The fact that the sailors were beaten by the Indians last week is no indication that the "Scorpions" are at all for an easy victory tomorrow.

Without in any way detracting from the achievement of the Indians, it might be said that the Navy's defeat was just one of those unexpected results which serve to make cricket so interesting.

There is no doubt but that the sailors will go all out to beat the "Scorpions" tomorrow, on the other hand, the "Scorpions" are not likely to jeopardise their chances of gaining honours by treating the sailors lightly.

A keen struggle for supremacy is expected, with the odds in favour of the "Scorpions" taking full marks.

The RAF, who are also making a bold bid for Championship honours, will be guests of the HKCC "Optimists" at Chater Road.

The game, which should also be well worth watching, should end in a win for the RAF, who possess a definitely better all-round side than their opponents.

Another interesting game is that at Happy Valley, where Craigengower Cricket Club entertain Recreo at Chater Road.

The sides are evenly matched and as batting is concerned, KCC hold the advantage with a more varied and deadly attack.

This advantage of KCC may, however, be offset by reason of the fact that Craigengower will be playing at home and in consequence, a draw would seem to be the most likely result.

The Indian Recreation Club, fresh from their victory over the Royal Navy last week, will be taking the field full of confidence against Hong Kong University, who they will have as guests at Soekunpoo.

The splendid innings of 87 by A. H. Madar and the destructive bowling of A. R. Mima against Navy last week must have proved most gratifying to IHC supporters.

The brilliant performance of these two veterans, who have represented the Colony in inter-colonial games before the war, should do much towards bringing about a revival of that standard of cricket for which

Royal Navy Cross Country Race

The Cross country race organized by the Royal Navy will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from Happy Valley.

Teams should muster at the start by 2.30 p.m. Transport leaves China Fleet Club at intervals from 1.45 p.m. returning from Happy Valley at 4 p.m.

Recorders are to report to Fleet Staff P.T.I. on arrival. Markers are to report to P.R.O. at Tamar Main Gate 1.45 p.m. The following numbers inclusive have been allocated to ships --

Belfast	1	70
Charity	71	100
Cassock	101	120
St. Bride's Bay	121	140
40 Cdo. Bde.	141	180
42 Cdo. Bde.	181	220
44 Cdo. Bde.	221	260
11 Q. Cdo. Bde.	261	280
Whitesand Bay	281	320
Tamar	321	360
Alert	361	380
Concord	381	400
Cardigan Bay	401	420
Mounts Bay	421	440
Black Swan	441	460
Alacrity	461	480
Dampier	481	500
Constance	501	520
Jamaica	521	540

The Bookunpoo Club was so well known in the past.

The Undergraduates have been going great guns of late and will endeavour to come away from Soekunpoo with full points and thus show that their recent achievements were not due to luck or mere chance.

A draw is the most likely result, but whatever the outcome those who care to visit Soekunpoo after the race will be assured of a pleasant afternoon's cricket.

There is only one game down for decision in the Second Division and that is between Club de Recreo and Royal Navy on the Recreo ground at King's Park. A win for Recreo is expected.

Friendly Games

A number of friendly games have also been arranged for the week-end, the most interesting of which should be the Inter-Hong affair between Hong Kong Bank (Wayfoong) and Jardines (Ewo) at Chater Road on Sunday, commencing at 11 a.m.

The care-free spirit which prevails in these Inter-Hong games always makes them more entertaining than the ordinary League games. For this reason, Sunday's game is likely to provide plenty of bright and attractive cricket.

Wayfoong are tipped to win this game.

The following is the week-end programme:

Tomorrow
First Division
Army v Club de Recreo at Soekunpoo.
Royal Navy v HKCC "Scorpions" at King's Park.
HKCC "Optimists" v RAF at Chater Road.

Craigengower Cricket Club v Kowloon Cricket Club at Happy Valley.
Indian Recreation Club v Hong Kong University at Soekunpoo.
Commandos (Bye).

Second Division
Club de Recreo v Royal Navy at King's Park.
All games start at 1.45 p.m. sharp. Stumps will be drawn at 5.30 p.m.

Friendlies
Kowloon Cricket Club 2nd XI v Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI at Cox's Road, 1.45 p.m.

Sunday
Hong Kong Bank (Wayfoong) v Jardines (Ewo) at Chater Road, 11 a.m.
Combined Provost XI v AMGDW XI at Kai Tak, 1.45 p.m.

League Standings
FIRST DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	T	L	Pts
Army	7	6	1	0	25	
Scorpions	7	5	1	1	21	
RAF	7	5	1	1	21	
Recreo	7	4	1	2	17	
KCC	7	3	1	3	17	
University	7	3	1	3	13	
Optimists	8	2	2	3	12	
Royal Navy	9	2	2	5	10	
Commandos	7	1	1	5	5	
Craigengower	7	0	4	3	4	
IHC	8	1	1	6	5	

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	T	L	Pts
KCC	8	5	0	1	23	
Commandos	7	5	0	2	20	
Recreo	7	5	0	2	20	
King George	7	4	1	2	17	
V. School	8	4	0	4	16	
IRC	7	3	1	3	13	
Royal Navy	5	2	0	3	8	
RAF	5	2	0	3	8	
University	7	2	2	3	8	
Dockyard	0	1	1	8	5	

Interport Soccer With Saigon, Manila And Macao

The Hong Kong Football Interport Sub-Committee, meeting at the Association's office yesterday, discussed Interport matches with Saigon, Manila and Macao.

It was decided that since the French Consul had given his guarantee that the Saigon players would be on better behaviour and since the players themselves had apologised for their bad sportsmanship, a Colony Football team would visit Saigon towards the end of April or the beginning of May when the local football season ends.

It was also decided that the Manila Interport team be invited to visit the Colony during the Easter Holidays and that three matches be played. As to the Hong Kong-Macao Interport, Mr. Omar was instructed to write to the Macao Football Association and ask them to suggest a date for the match to be played at Macao.

The meeting deemed the proposed Indian Tour a failure as the Committee had not received a reply to their letter.

The question of the invitation made by Mr. D. Calvo that Hong Kong send a representative team to Manila to play against the touring Spanish Football team in January was also discussed.

The Committee decided to ask the following 24 players if they will be able to make the trip to Manila on January 3 if chosen. They are to reply before 1 p.m. on Monday and the Interport Sub-Committee will choose the team from the players available at a meeting on Monday, December 19 at 5.30 p.m.

Yau Kwun-kai, Yu Yu-tak, Han Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung, Wootton, S. Nien, Tannucci, Santos, Kwok Yung-kee, Lau Chung-sang, Chang Kam-hoi, Dearsley, Ho Ying-fun, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Tang Yee-Kit, Chu Wing-keung, Lee Tai-tai, Chow Man-chi, Lai Shiu-wing, Brown, Castillo, B. Omar, Spears and Hung Hing-yuk.

Charity Cup

The Football League Management Committee yesterday decided that the First Round of the International Charity Cup Competition will be played off on the Club and Police grounds on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

China will play Scotland on the Club ground on December 25 and England will meet Portugal at Soekunpoo on December 26. Both games are to start at 3.30 p.m.

A letter received from the Macao Rotary Club was also discussed. The Macao Rotary Club wrote to the Committee saying that they were organising a Portugal versus China football match on December 23 to raise funds for poor children at Christmas. They wanted players from Hong Kong and Macao and mentioned several players whom they wished to invite to participate in the game.

It was decided by the Committee that Mr. Omar should write to the Macao Rotary Club and ask them to arrange with the Clubs to which the required players were attached.

Clubs Fined
The League Management Committee also imposed fines of \$20 each on the Hong Kong University and the Indian Recreation Club.

Stanley Matthews Still Best Outside Forward In England

(By Vernon Morgan, Rotor's Sports Editor)

London, December 14. "Bring Back Stanley Matthews"—that is the cry of many football writers who believe that this outside forward is still the best in England today.

Matthews, now 34 years of age, may not be quite so fast as he was but he is still the "King of Drizzling" and, in the opinion of many, quite the best right winger available today.

It is wonderful how this man with the magic feet retains his skill. Ask any opposing defender how good he is and what sort of an afternoon they had against him. They will give the necessary evidence.

The fact is not disputed that Matthews, the dazzling brilliant forward, was as good as any winger that has ever played for England in its long history. The point at issue is how good he is today and whether he is the best available. If he does not "go down to Rio" with the English team the

Royal Navy Teams For Week-End

The following are the Royal Navy cricket, soccer, rugby and hockey teams for the week-end:

CRICKET

1st XI against HKCC "Scorpions" at King's Park tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.
Capt. White (Cassock), Lt. Grant (Concord), Lt. Brown (Concord), Lt. Mallowes (Tamar), S.B.C.P.O. Workman (Tamar), P.O. Uden (Jamaica), P.O. Daly (Jamaica), Cdr. (E) Meek (Jamaica), Sub. Lt. Cockett (Jamaica), Lt. Brooker (Jamaica), C.P.O. Llewellyn (Tamar).

2nd XI against Club de Recreo at King's Park tomorrow at 1.45 p.m.
C.P.O. Vale (Tamar), S.B.C.P.O. Workman (Tamar), P.O. Cask, L.R.E.M. Peate, Mr. Noise, Mr. Tate, Sgt. Harwood, C/Sgt. Maylor and P.O. Pickles (Stonecutters), S.B.P.O. Bennett (R.N.H.), S.B.A. Jackson (Malta), 12th Man Cpl. Jones (Stonecutters).

Scorer L.S.A. Simmons (Stonecutters).

RUGBY

1st XV against Hong Kong Police at Causeway Bay tomorrow at 4.15 p.m.

Lt. Cdr. Aitken (Tamar) Captain, Lt. Fawcett (H.K. Flotilla), S/Lt. Mitchell (Whitesand Bay), S/Lt. Blease (Concord), Lt. (S) Hankin (Dampier), Surg. Lt. McKenzie (Dampier), Lt. Waymouth (Cardigan Bay), Mr. Starrie, Cdr. (Tamar), C.S.M. Payne (Tamar), P.O. Groocock (Cardigan Bay), Lt. Cdr. Thomeycroft (H.K. Flotilla), Lt. Rogers (S' Brides Bay), C.P.O. Tel Stovell (Black Swan), Lt. (3) Thomas (Jamaica), E.R.A. Holmes (Jamaica), L/Wr. Spragg (Tamar), P.O. Pearce (Tamar), Surg. Lt. Brown (Jamaica), Sgt. White (S' Brides Bay), Lt. Birks (H.K. Flotilla), S/Lt. Atkinson (Jamaica), P.O. Tel. Bus-sell (Tamar).

SOCCER

1st XI against Kowloon Motor Bus at Causeway Bay on Sunday at 4 p.m.

A.B. Chisholm (Jamaica), L/Sea. Edge (Black Swan), Yeo, Tozer (Tamar), Cpl. Dearsley (Jamaica), R. E. Thompson (Stonecutters) (Captain), S.M. Gillam (Alacrity), Mne. Sharpe (Jamaica), P.O. Daley (Jamaica), S.M. Spencer (Cassock), Tel. Spears (Tamar), A.B. Ball (Dampier).

Team Manager: Mr. J.F. Ennis, Sen. Cdr. P.T. & W.O. R.N. Reserves: S.M. McCombe (Concord), A.B. Whitehead (Concord) and L/Sea. Thompson (Alacrity).

2nd XI against Club at Causeway Bay on Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Wt. Gardner (Cassock), P.O. Norricott (Tamar), P.O. Collins (Tamar) (Captain), A.B. Whitehead (Concord), Tel. Rawlings (Tamar), P.Q.S.M. Evans (Concord), Tel. Bell (Tamar), L/Tel. Knapp (Concord), L.S.E.A. Lacey (Concord), O/Sea. Graham (Black Swan), L/Sgt. Miley (Alacrity).

Team Manager: C.P.O. Sharpe (Tamar).

Linesman: E.M. Weeks (Tamar). Reserves: S.M. McCombe (Concord), A.B. Jennings (Dampier), E.M. Kerneen (Cassock), O/Sea. Burrows (Cassock) and O/Sea. McNey (Whitesand Bay).

Transport will leave Tamar at 1.45 p.m.

HOCKEY

Against Club de Recreo "A" at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Williams (Concord), Lt. Venables (Comus), Surg. Lt. Mallowes (Tamar), Capt. White (Cassock), Lt. Cdr. Haig (Tamar), L/Tel. Mathewson (Tamar), L/Pt. Cripps (Tamar), Lt. Cdr. Aitken (P.O. 2 Staff), Lt. (8) Wordley (Black Swan), Lt. Gemmell (Constance), Lt. Grant (Concord).

Draw For First Round Of Scottish F.A. Cup

London, December 14. The draw for the first round of the Scottish Football Association Cup, made today, resulted as follows:

Clackmannan v Stenhousemuir, Kilmarnock v Stirling Albion, Stranraer v Falkirk, Alloa Athletic v Albion Rovers, Motherwell v Rangers, Dundee United v Ayr United, Third Lanark v Arbroath, St. Mirren v Aberdeen, Dunfermline v Forfar Athletic, Hibernian v Partick Thistle, St. Johnstone v Hamilton Academical, Dumbarton v Queen's Park, Ross County v Moriston, Inverness Caledonian v Queens of the South, Hearts v Dundee, Clyde v Newton Stewart, Brechin City v Celtic and East Fife v Fraserburgh.

The matches are being played on January 25.—Reuter.

"No Panic Changes," Say Selectors

(By RAYMOND GLENDENNING)

"No panic changes." That sums up the selectors' views after England's mid-week escape against Italy.

General opinion was that England's performance was too bad to be true. Exactly the same faults gave Eire the distinction of lowering our colours on English soil.

More important still, in Brazil, one game like Wednesday's can put us out of the World Cup reckoning.

Against both Eire and Italy England failed to match up to stern quick tackling and attack at top speed such as we shall have to encounter at Rio.

What's the next move? I can tell you that our selectors will watch very closely the performances of Wolverhampton and Portsmouth—playing internationals William Wright, Hancock, Pye, Froggatt and Dickinson against the Argentinians, who visit us in January.

A Lost Art

Also that England's "B" matches against Holland and Denmark will be the subject of serious experiment.

Ability to "kill" a bouncing ball seems to be a lost art among England players. No good blaming the conditions, for the Italians were able to do it. How much harder that task is going to be at Rio!

One redeeming feature of England's performance was that our men never let up trying to play football.

High praise for that and for the English style of game came from Henri Crvel, President of the Stade Francaise, "Close marking," he told me, "is ruining football as a spectacle on the Continent, and as a result crowds are beginning to diminish."

That is unlikely to happen here, but it should act as a warning to the "got stuck in" type of manager.

Make It A Festival

It is really a wonder what the football fan puts up with. At White Hart Lane, after queuing for hours in a transport bottleneck, most of the 71,000 had to spend ninety minutes or more staking their claim to a neck-cracking view of the match.

Their only entertainment during part of that time was provided by a small band, whose music could only be heard by those near by.

Surely the organisers could have provided a microphone to carry the music clearly to all parts of the ground, and why not play popular songs to get the crowd really happy.

HK POLICE HOCKEY XI

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Police in their Hockey Association fixture against the Army at Boundary Street at 10.15 a.m. Sunday December 18.

F. M. Soares, C. Blackburn, D. O. Tobbutt, M. H. C. Birch, A. Leslie, W. P. Apps, J. R. Wilson, D. Brown, E. Yusuf, J. R. M. B. Wall and C. C. Thomas.

Reserves: Man Singh, T. V. C. Reynolds.

HKDF WIN HOCKEY MATCH

In an Inter-Unit Hockey League game yesterday, Hong Kong Defence Force beat Camp Staff, HQ Land Forces, by six goals to two.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Twelfth Race Meeting
Saturday — 17th December, 1949.

There are eight races, the first will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be rung at 2.00 p.m.
Through Tickets (8 Races—\$10) May be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" (over 100,000 tickets sold to date) to be rung at the Annual Race Meeting in January, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the "Pearce Memorial Cup" may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5 including tax for all persons including ladies, and payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.
MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER
B. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.